Dear SoonerCare Prescriber,

Prednisolone Oral Solution Coverage Update: Millipred®, Veripred 20®

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is responsible for providing the highest level of care in a cost effective manner. To accomplish this dual purpose, we continually monitor availability and cost of medications.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a SoonerCare coverage update regarding prednisolone oral solutions. Millipred® (prednisolone 10mg/5ml, oral solution) and Veripred 20® (prednisolone 20mg/5ml, oral solution) have an average cost of $274.80 for a 10 day course of treatment. Alternative generic products are readily available and have an average cost of $20.63 for a 10 day course of treatment. As a result, these products will require prior authorization effective October 5, 2015.

The following are oral glucocorticoid steroid solutions that do not require prior authorization and could be considered as an alternative for Millipred® and Veripred 20®:

- Prednisolone oral solution 15mg/5ml
- Prednisolone oral solution 5mg/5ml
- Dexamethasone oral solution 0.5mg/5ml (see chart for equivalent dosing)

Additionally, there are many other glucocorticoid steroid options for your patients, including solid-dosage-form preparations. Below is a table of dosing equivalencies, should you wish to consider one of these alternative options:

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<th>PREDNISOLONE 5mg (i) equivalent dosing*</th>
<th>cortisone: 25mg (s)</th>
<th>methylprednisolone: 4mg (i)</th>
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<td>hydrocortisone: 20mg (s)</td>
<td>dexamethasone: 0.75 mg (l)</td>
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* (s) short-acting    (i) intermediate-acting    (l) long-acting

We anticipate these options will meet the needs of your patients. However, if they do not, you may choose to submit a prior authorization for consideration, including patient-specific, clinically significant supporting information for use of the requested medication.

Thank you for the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare!