Creon® and Zenpep® Capsules Preferred Over Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, & Viokace®

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Dear SoonerCare Provider,

The purpose of this communication is to provide information regarding criteria recently established for the reimbursement of Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, and Viokace®. You are receiving this communication because you recently prescribed or dispensed Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, or Viokace® for SoonerCare member(s). Effective 03/27/2017, Pancreaze® capsules, Pertzye® capsules, and Viokace® tablets will require prior authorization. Creon® capsules and Zenpep® capsules will be preferred and will not require prior authorization. The authorization criteria for reimbursement is as follows:

**Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, and Viokace® Approval Criteria:**
1. An FDA approved diagnosis of pancreatic insufficiency; and
2. Documented trials of inadequate response to Creon® and Zenpep® or a patient-specific, clinically significant reason why the member cannot use Creon® or Zenpep®.

**The following medications do not require prior authorization:** Creon® capsules and Zenpep® capsules.

Members currently utilizing Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, or Viokace® will not be “grandfathered” and all members receiving these medications will require that a manual prior authorization be submitted by their prescriber if Creon® or Zenpep® are not appropriate for the member. If a member requires Pancreaze®, Pertzye®, or Viokace®, a prior authorization request can be submitted for consideration to SoonerCare Pharmacy Services, including patient-specific, clinically significant supporting information for use of the requested medication in place of the preferred products.

Updated versions of prior authorization criteria for pancreatic enzyme medications can be downloaded from [www.okhca.org/rx-pa](http://www.okhca.org/rx-pa), then clicking “Gastro-Intestinal”.

Prior authorization request forms can be found online at [www.okhca.org/forms](http://www.okhca.org/forms) (PHARM-04).

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