



Pharmacy Update

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Prior Authorization Tier Changes

The following medications will move to Tier-2 in their respective therapeutic categories.

- Effective January 21, 2009: Adderall XR[®], Avalide[®], Diovan[®], Diovan HCT[®], Micardis HCT[®]
- Effective January 28, 2009: Ambien CR[®]

Corrections

The following medications will remain Tier-1: Astelin[®], Optivar[®], Adderall[®]. *(The SoonerCare Pharmacy Update dated January 7, 2009 incorrectly stated that these medications would move to Tier-2.)*

Antidepressants Prior Authorization Criteria Effective January 28, 2009

- **Tier-1 products are available without prior authorization.**

Tier-2 Authorization Criteria

- Recent trial of a Tier-1 medication (within the last 6 months) with inadequate response after a minimum of 4 weeks of continuous therapy at recommended dose, or
- Unique FDA-approved indication for which Tier-1 medications are not indicated, or
- Prior stabilization on the Tier-2 medication within the last 100 days. A past history of success on the Tier-2 medication will also be considered with adequate documentation.

Tier-3 Authorization Criteria

- Recent trials of a Tier-1 and a Tier-2 medication (within the last 6 months) with inadequate response after a minimum of 4 weeks of continuous therapy at recommended doses, or
- Unique FDA-approved indication for which Tier-1 and Tier-2 medications are not indicated, or
- Documented prior stabilization on the Tier-3 medication within the last 100 days. A past history of success on the Tier-3 medication will also be considered with adequate documentation.

SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
citalopram (Celexa [®])	escitalopram (Lexapro [®])	
fluoxetine (Prozac [®] , Sarafem [®])	fluvoxamine (Luvox [®] CR)	
fluvoxamine (Luvox [®])	paroxetine (Pexeva [®])	
paroxetine (Paxil [®] , Paxil CR [®])		
sertraline (Zoloft [®])		
Dual Acting Antidepressants		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
bupropion (Wellbutrin [®] , Wellbutrin SR [®] , Wellbutrin XL [®])	Venlafaxine Extended Release Tabs [®]	duloxetine (Cymbalta [®])
mirtazapine (Remeron [®] , Remeron SolTab [®])		desvenlafaxine (Pristiq [®])
trazodone (Desyrel [®])		nefazodone (Serzone [®])
venlafaxine (Effexor [®])		venlafaxine XR (Effexor XR [®] Caps)
Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		selegiline patch (Emsam [®])
		tranylcypromine (Parnate [®])
		phenelzine (Nardil [®])
		selegiline (Zelapar [®])

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