



Pharmacy Update

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This update is part of a biweekly series featuring SoonerCare medication prior authorization (PA) criteria. Each update will include current information on a different therapeutic category.

- PA information for all therapeutic categories is available at www.okhca.org/providers/rx/pa.
- PA forms are available at www.okhca.org/rx-forms.

Antidepressants Prior Authorization

Tier-1 medications are available without prior authorization.

Tier-2 Authorization Criteria

- Documented, recent (within 6 months) trial of a Tier-1 medication at least 4 weeks in duration and titrated to recommended dosing, that did not provide an adequate response. Tier -1 selection can be from any classification.
- Prior stabilization on the Tier-2 medication documented within the last 100 days. A past history of success on the Tier-2 medication will also be considered with adequate documentation.
- A unique FDA-approved indication not covered by Tier-1 products or other products from a different therapeutic class.
- A petition may be submitted for consideration whenever a unique member specific situation exists.

Tier-3 Authorization Criteria

- A documented, recent (within 6 months) trial with a Tier-1 and a Tier-2 medication at least 4 weeks in duration and titrated to recommended dose, that did not provide an adequate response. Tier- 1 and Tier-2 selection can be from any classification.
- Prior stabilization on the Tier-3 medication documented within the last 100 days. A past history of success on the Tier 3 medication will also be considered with adequate documentation.
- A unique FDA-approved indication not covered by a lower tiered product or other products from a different therapeutic class.
- A petition may be submitted for consideration whenever a unique member specific situation exists.

| SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) | | |
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| 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® | desvenlafaxine (Pristiq®) |
| mirtazapine (Remeron®, Remeron SolTab®) | | duloxetine (Cymbalta®) |
| trazodone (Desyrel®) | | nefazodone (Serzone®) |
| venlafaxine (Effexor®) | | venlafaxine XR (Effexor XR® Caps) |
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| Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors | | |
| Tier 1 | Tier 2 | Tier 3 |
| | | selegiline patch (Emsam®) |
| | | tranylcypromine (Parnate®) |
| | | phenelzine (Nardil®) |
| | | selegiline (Zelapar®) |

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