May 22, 2009

Pharmacy Help Desk Holiday Hours
The OHCA Pharmacy Help Desk and Pharmacy Prior Authorization Unit will observe the following hours for Memorial Day weekend:

- Saturday, May 23 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 24 – Closed
- Monday, May 25 – Closed
- Tuesday, May 26 – Resume regular hours

Glycolax®, Miralax® Not Covered
Polyethylene glycol powder has been designated a DESI 5 drug by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As a result, formulations of this product (including Glycolax® and Miralax®) can no longer be covered by SoonerCare. For further information about DESI drugs, please visit the CMS website at www.cms.hhs.gov.

OHCA Launches e-Prescribing Program
SoonerScribe electronic prescribing is OHCA’s web-based prescribing solution that integrates prescription data into a unified view for prescribers. By using SoonerScribe, prescribers can enhance the safety and efficiency of care by automating the prescribing process, completing transactions in real time, and checking for potential interactions, preferred products, and prior authorization requirements.

SoonerScribe electronically sends new prescriptions to the patient’s preferred pharmacy, saving the patient time and trouble. If the pharmacy cannot receive prescriptions electronically, prescriptions are automatically sent to the pharmacy via fax.

Unlike Medicare, SoonerCare has not enacted electronic prescribing requirements. Utilization of SoonerScribe is optional and does not entitle providers to bonus payments, nor does non-utilization cause providers to incur penalties.

We appreciate the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare.