Pharmacy Update

Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Numbers (405)522-6205 option 4 or (800)522-0114 option 4
Service Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30a – 7:00p); Saturday (9:00a – 5:00p); Sunday (11:00a – 5:00p)
Email: pharmacy@okhca.org  OHCA Website: www.okhca.org
PA Criteria: www.okhca.org/providers/rx/pa  PA forms: www.okhca.org/rx-forms

March 25, 2010

Pharmacy Co-Pay Changes
Pharmacy co-pays changes for adult SoonerCare members take effect April 1, 2010.

• $0 – No member co-pay for select cost effective products on the OHCA Preferred Medications List
• $2 – Prescriptions $29.99 or less
• $3 – Prescriptions $30.00 or greater

To view the OHCA Preferred Medications List, please see www.okhca.org/providers/rx.

Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Change
Effective April 1, 2010, the maximum pharmacy dispensing fee will change from $4.15 per prescription to $4.02 per prescription.

Anxiolytic Benzodiazepines Prior Authorization Changes
The following changes take effect April 1, 2010.

• Anxiolytic benzodiazepines are available without prior authorization for members age 19 or older.
• Quantity limits apply for all products.
• If a member’s dose exceeds the allowable quantity, please contact the pharmacy helpdesk to initiate a quantity limit override request.
• Anxiolytic medications will still require prior authorization for members age 18 or younger.

Emergency Supply Authorizations Available
Pharmacies can obtain authorization for coverage of an emergency 3-day supply of medication by calling the Pharmacy Help Desk. This ensures that SoonerCare members are not left without medication while waiting for a prior authorization. Emergency 3-day fills do not count against the member’s monthly prescription limit.

Injectables
The following change takes effect April 1, 2010.

• To help equalize payments between pharmacy and medical claims, reimbursement for certain injectable medications will be equivalent to Medicare Part B rates.
• A dispensing fee still applies for each prescription.

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