

Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

Beginning 7/29/2003 Strattera (Atomoxetine) which is used to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in both children and adults will require a prior authorization. After reviewing utilization data, the Drug Utilization Review Board and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board of Directors agreed that the medication should be closely monitored at this time.

Pharmacy clients may receive an Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOMB) with erroneous data from the month of June. If claims were submitted, reversed, and resubmitted, the client will see all three claims on the EOMB. OHCA regrets any problem this may cause for your pharmacy.

Beginning 9/01/2003 OHCA will begin to cost avoid pharmacy claims for adult clients with other third party coverage. Pharmacies will need to bill the third party insurer before Medicaid will reimburse for services rendered. Pharmacies that utilize POS (Point Of Sale) will receive the third party information on the client in the denied response from EDS. Once the pharmacy receives this information they will then need to bill the third party insurer. If the third party denies payment or does not pay the entire claim, then Medicaid can then be billed for the remainder. More information on TPL cost avoidance will be included in future communications.

Please contact the pharmacy help desk if you have questions regarding these new screening areas.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's Medicaid clients.

Pharmacy Help Desk Telephone Numbers 405-522-6205, option 4 or 1-800-522-0114, option 4

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