

Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

Effective October 1st, 2004 Lexxel, Lotrel and Tarka will be available without prior authorization due to supplemental drug rebate agreements with their manufacturers.

Effective October 11th, 2004 SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors) will be added to step therapy.

Step therapy's goal is to optimize each client's medical therapy with medication that best treats the client's condition given their unique health status and circumstances. Tier 1 medications are preferred as the first step for treating a client's health condition. They are cost effective and are available without prior authorization from OHCA.

Providers who have clients with clinical exceptions may request a prior authorization to skip the step therapy process and receive the Tier 2 drug immediately. Prior authorization forms can be found on the OHCA website at:

http://www.ohca.state.ok.us/provider/billing/forms/pdflib/HCA19_UnivPet03.pdf.

Clients who have been on a Tier 2 drug within 100 days of date of service will be "grandfathered." This allows a client to continue on a Tier 2 drug without a trial on a Tier 1 drug.

Manufacturer's of the drugs listed on Tier 2 did not sign a supplemental drug rebate agreement.

SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)	
Tier 1	Tier 2
Fluvoxamine (Luvox)	Citalopram (Celexa)
Paroxetine (Paxil)	Escitalopram (Lexapro)
Paroxetine (Paxil CR)	Fluoxetine (Sarafem)
Paroxetine (Pexeva)	Sertraline (Zoloft)
Fluoxetine (Prozac)	

Effective November 1st, 2004 a prior authorization will be required for brand name drugs that have a state maximum allowable charge.

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