



SoonerCare Fax Blast

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Subject: Flu Vaccine, Hydrocodone Limits

Flu Vaccine Coverage

- Flu vaccines are available to members age 19 and older through both the SoonerCare prescription drug benefit and the medical benefit.
- Flu vaccines are not covered through the prescription drug benefit for members age 18 and younger. These members should receive the vaccine at a physician's office through the federal Vaccines for Children Program.
- Flu vaccines administered by pharmacies do not count against a member's monthly prescription limit.
- Pharmacies administering flu vaccines will be reimbursed the allowable cost of the vaccine and the standard prescription dispensing fee. Additional administration fees are not compensable.

Hydrocodone Prescription Limit

SoonerCare members are limited to 12 hydrocodone prescriptions per 360 days. All prescriptions in excess of the 12/year limit will require prior authorization. Prescriptions filled prior to January 1, 2010 will not count toward the 12/year limit.

Requests for authorization should be submitted on OHCA Form Pharm-04. Approval for continuing therapy is contingent on the following criteria:

- 1) Member must have a pain contract with a single prescriber. A copy of the pain contract should be submitted with the PA request. Requests outside of the plan outlined in the contract will not be approved.
- 2) Member has an oncology-related diagnosis and hydrocodone is being used for breakthrough pain and adjustments to dosing are required.

Hydrocodone will not be approved as the only therapy for chronic pain use. Members with chronic pain who require around-the-clock pain control should utilize a long-acting pain medication.