

SoonerCare Fax Blast

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## Subject: Auralagan<sup>™</sup> Otic – Same name – different product

Dear Provider:

Please note the following:

The old formulation of Auralagan<sup>™</sup> Otic is still available as a generic equivalent, but the name Auralgan<sup>™</sup> has been sold and now designates a new product with a slightly different formula. The generic version is available at a cost to the state of \$10.60 per 15 mL bottle, compared to the new formula at \$161.37 per 15 mL bottle. The new formula, like the old, includes benzocaine and antipyrine ingredients in a glycerin base, but the new manufacturer has added 0.01% acetic acid and 0.01% polycosanol. Because the new and old formulations are no longer interchangeable, pharmacists may not substitute the old product when a prescription is written for Auralgan<sup>™</sup>. If you intend for the patient to get the old, less expensive formulation, please write "Antipyrine & benzocaine otic drops" on the prescription.

## **Rho D Immune Globulin**

OHCA cannot cover RhoGAM® and MICRhoGAM® made by Ortho Clinical Diagnostic with a labeler code of 00562; however, several other products indicated for the same conditions are covered at this time. These products are HyperRho<sup>™</sup> by Talecris Biotherapeutics (labeler code 13533), WinRho® by Baxter Healthcare (labeler code 00944), and Rhophylac® by CSL Behring (labeler code 44206).

## **Smoking Cessation Medications**

OHCA covers nicotine replacement products (gum, patches, and lozenges), Zyban® (buproprion), and Chantix® (varenicline) for SoonerCare members for a 90 day period without prior authorization. At the end of the 90 day course of therapy, the member need only show enrollment in a behavior modification program, such as the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 800-QUIT-NOW, to receive approval for a second 90 day course of therapy.