

Pharmacy Services

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Dear SoonerCare Provider,

The purpose of this fax is to provide information regarding an update in coverage of glaucoma medications, ophthalmic antibiotics, and meloxicam suspension.

Betoptic® (Betaxolol Ophthalmic Solution), Timoptic-XE® (Timolol Maleate Ophthalmic Gel-Forming Solution), and Betimol® (Timolol Ophthalmic Solution) Coverage Update:

Due to the increasing cost of Betoptic®, Timoptic-XE®, and Betimol®, SoonerCare is planning to move these products to Tier-2 of the glaucoma medications category **effective November 15, 2016**. The existing Tier-2 criteria for this category will apply. Members currently using these products will be “grandfathered” if they have had a paid claim through SoonerCare within the last 60 days; the claim should process at the pharmacy without need for a prior authorization submission. Updated versions of prior authorization criteria for glaucoma medications can be downloaded from www.okhca.org/rx, by clicking on “Prior Authorizations,” then clicking “Ocular/Otic.”

AK-Tracin® (Bacitracin Ophthalmic Ointment) and Bleph-10® (Sulfacetamide Sodium Ophthalmic Ointment) Coverage Update:

Due to the increasing cost of AK-Tracin® and Bleph-10®, SoonerCare is planning to move these products to Tier-2 of the ophthalmic antibiotic medication category **effective November 15, 2016**. The existing Tier-2 criteria for this category will apply. This is not a “grandfathered” category; members currently using these medications will require submission of a prior authorization request after November 15, 2016. Updated versions of prior authorization criteria for ophthalmic antibiotics can be downloaded from www.okhca.org/rx, by clicking on “Prior Authorizations,” then clicking “Ocular/Otic.”

Meloxicam Suspension Age Restriction:

Effective November 15, 2016, prior authorization will be required for meloxicam suspension for members older than 7 years of age. A prior authorization request can be submitted for members older than 7 years of age requiring meloxicam suspension. A reason why the member needs the liquid formulation and cannot use the oral tablet formulation should be provided with the prior authorization request. This is not a “grandfathered” medication; members currently using meloxicam suspension not meeting the age restriction will require submission of a prior authorization request after November 15, 2016. Prior authorization request forms can be found online at www.okhca.org/forms (PHARM-04).

Thank you for the services you provide to Oklahomans insured by SoonerCare!