

## Pharmacy Services

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### RE: Pharmacy J-Code Billing, Topical Corticosteroid Update

Dear SoonerCare Provider,

The purpose of this fax is to provide reminders regarding pharmacy J-code (HCPCS) billing and updates regarding coverage of topical corticosteroids (TCS).

**Pharmacies cannot process HCPCS codes for reimbursement through SoonerCare.** Pharmacies may submit claims for drug products with a National Drug Code (NDC) for reimbursement via a pharmacy claim. Claims for medications billed by a pharmacy on a CMS1500 for HCPCS codes or J-codes will not process through the SoonerCare claims systems.

#### **Effective November 12, 2019, the following changes will apply for the TCS medications category:**

- Temovate® (clobetasol propionate 0.05% ointment) will move from Tier-3 to Tier-1. Prior authorization will no longer be required.
- Diprosone® (betamethasone dipropionate 0.05% ointment) and Trianex® (triamcinolone acetonide 0.05% ointment) will move from Tier-1 to Tier-2.
- Apexicon® (diflorasone diacetate 0.05% cream and ointment) and Apexicon E® (diflorasone diacetate/emollient 0.05% cream) will move from Tier-2 to Tier-3.

Current users will not be “grandfathered”. All members receiving these medications will require that a manual prior authorization be submitted by their prescriber. Specific prior authorization criteria and Tier charts for TCS medications can be downloaded from [www.okhca.org/pa](http://www.okhca.org/pa), then clicking “Topical”.

If a member requires any of the above medications, prior authorization requests can be submitted for consideration to SoonerCare Pharmacy Services. Prior authorization request forms can be found online at [www.okhca.org/rxforms](http://www.okhca.org/rxforms) (PHARM-04).

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