

Pharmacy Services

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Dear SoonerCare Provider,

Effective March 25th 2016 the following changes to the SoonerCare pharmacy benefit will take place:

- SoonerCare will no longer cover the following over-the-counter (OTC) products:
 - ACETAMINOPHEN ORAL 160 MG/5ML ELIXIR
 - ACETAMINOPHEN ORAL 160 MG/5ML LIQUID
 - ACETAMINOPHEN ORAL 160 MG/5ML ORAL SUSP
 - ACETAMINOPHEN ORAL 80MG/0.8ML DROPS
 - IBUPROFEN ORAL 100 MG/5ML ORAL SUSP
 - IBUPROFEN ORAL 50 MG/1.25 DROPS SUSP
 - PSEUDOEPHEDRINE HCL ORAL 15 MG/5 ML LIQUID
 - PSEUDOEPHEDRINE HCL ORAL 30 MG/5 ML LIQUID

- SoonerCare will no longer cover the ingredients listed below which have been used in the compounding of topical creams and ointments. These ingredients are classified as Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) which may be covered at the option of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA). There is no federal mandate for coverage. OHCA has determined that there is insufficient evidence to support continued use of these products. These ingredients have shown little benefit when applied in a topical form compared to other U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved therapies available to treat conditions associated with their use. The following powder APIs will no longer be covered:
 - KETOPROFEN POWDER
 - AMITRIPTYLINE POWDER
 - PENTOXIFYLINE POWDER
 - VERAPAMIL POWDER
 - TETRACAINE POWDER
 - AMANTADINE POWDER

If there are any questions or comments regarding this change in pharmacy benefits you may submit comments to pharmacy@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.