

# Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

February 14, 2003

Dear Pharmacy Provider,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is pleased to announce that the deadline for filing pharmacy claims in NCPDP version 5.1 has been extended to March 17, 2003. Claims submitted after midnight on March 16 must be in the NCPDP 5.1 format. If you are currently able to process claims in version 5.1, please begin using that version now. If you are not able or are uncertain of your ability to process claims with version 5.1, please contact your software vendor immediately.

In response to recent questions regarding the change in prior authorization of non-sedating antihistamines, OTC loratadine products, for eligible minor clients, still require a prescription. Please dispense and submit claims using the appropriate OTC loratadine NDC number. Alavert products and the Geneva Generic product are now covered In addition to the Claritin brand products.

Alavert 10mg tab 6's NDC – 00573-2620-06

Alavert 10mg tab 12's NDC – 00573-2620-12

Alavert 10mg tab 24's NDC – 00573-2620-24

Alavert 10mg tab 48's NDC – 00573-2620-48

Loratadine 10mg tab 100's NDC – 00781-5077-01

In the February 7, 2003 Pharmacy Update it was stated that the excessive down time with Oklahoma Medicaid was isolated and identified as a problem on the WebMD Envoy side. That information was incorrect and we apologize for any confusion that information may have caused. The problem has not been identified as a WebMD Envoy system problem. EDS and WebMD Envoy personnel are currently investigating the problem. Preliminary findings this week suggest this may affect all switch vendors. A resolution statement will be forthcoming once this problem has been completely identified and resolved.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's Medicaid clients.

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