

Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Update

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Dear Pharmacy Provider,

Effective October 1st, 2005 Atacand, Atacand HCT, Concerta, Focalin, Focalin XR, and Wellbutrin XL will move to Tier 1 and will no longer require a prior authorization as the manufacturers have entered into a supplemental rebate agreement. All ARBS now Tier 1.

Effective October 1st, 2005 SSNRIs (Selective Serotonin Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors) will be added to step therapy. See chart below.

Effective October 1st, 2005 Advicor, Pravachol, Celexa and Lexxel will no longer be on Tier 1 and will now require a prior authorization or a previous trial on a Tier 1 medication.

Step therapy's goal is to optimize each client's medical therapy with medication that best treats the client's condition given their unique health status and circumstances. Tier 1 medications are preferred as the first step for treating a client's health condition. They are cost effective and are available without prior authorization from OHCA.

Providers who have clients with clinical exceptions may request a prior authorization to skip the step therapy process and receive the Tier 2 drug immediately. Prior authorization forms can be found on the OHCA website at:

<http://www.okhca.org/provider/types/pharmacy/pa.asp>

Clients who have been on a Tier 2 drug within specified days of date of service will be "grandfathered." This allows a client to continue on a Tier 2 drug without a trial on a Tier 1 drug.

ADHD		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
amphetamine salt combo (Adderall)	amphetamine salt combo (Adderall XR)	pemoline (Cylert)
dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine, Dextrostat)	methylphenidate ER (Metadate CD, Ritalin LA)	methamphetamine (Desoxyn)
dexmethylphenidate (Focalin)	atomoxetine (Strattera)	
dexmethylphenidate (Focalin XR)		
methylphenidate (Ritalin)		
methylphenidate SR (Ritalin SR)		
methylphenidate ER (Concerta)		

SSNRIs (Selective Serotonin Nor-epinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors)	
Tier 1	Tier 2
mirtazapine (Remeron)	duloxetine (Cymbalta)
mirtazapine (Remeron Soltab)	venlafaxine (Effexor, Effexor XR)
trazodone (Desyrel)	nefazodone (Serzone)
bupropion (Wellbutrin, Wellbutrin SR)	
bupropion (Wellbutrin XL)	

STATINS	
Tier 1	Tier 2
fluvastatin (Lescol)	pravastatin (Pravachol)
fluvastatin (Lescol XL)	pravastatin (Pravigard)
lovastatin (Altoprev)	Advicor
atorvastatin (Lipitor)	Mevacor
rosuvastatin (Crestor)	
simvastatin (Zocor)	
lovastatin	

SSRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors)	
Tier 1	Tier 2
citalopram	Celexa
fluvoxamine (Luvox)	fluoxetine (Sarafem)
paroxetine (Paxil)	fluoxetine 10 & 20mg tablets
paroxetine (Paxil CR)	fluoxetine 40mg capsules
paroxetine (Pexeva)	
fluoxetine (Prozac)	
escitalopram (Lexapro)	
sertraline (Zoloft)	

ACE / CCBs	
Tier 1	Tier 2
benazepril/amlodipine (Lotrel)	enalapril/felodipine (Lexxel)
trandolapril/verapamil (Tarka)	

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