

## Pharmacy Services (800) 522-0114, option 4

Dear Pharmacist,

Brand Name Abilify® Update:

**Effective immediately** brand name Abilify® will be preferred over generic aripiprazole for SoonerCare members. The State of Oklahoma will save a substantial amount by preferring brand name Abilify®. We realize this is not generally the case, but because of the Medicaid drug rebate program, until the cost of generic aripiprazole drops significantly, the net cost of the branded product is the best option for the state.

A State Maximum Allowable Cost (SMAC) price has been applied to generic aripiprazole. Brand name Abilify® will be reimbursed according to the standard method of AWP – 12% plus dispensing fee.

**Beginning June 10, 2015**, claims submitted for generic aripiprazole will deny with the NCPDP edit 75, *Prior Authorization Required*. Requests for prior authorization of generic will not be approved without a medically necessary reason why the SoonerCare member cannot take brand name Abilify®. If you have already switched a member to the generic aripiprazole, please switch them back to the branded product. Please submit all claims for aripiprazole for the brand formulation NDC's. Please note that brand Abilify® will remain a Tier-2 product and the criteria for Tier-2 authorization will still apply.

If the cost of the generic aripiprazole drops below the net cost of the branded product, OHCA will give ample notice before requiring generic substitution. **We appreciate your patience.**

Diabetic Supplies Reminder:

**Effective June 1, 2015**, all prior authorizations for meters, test strips, and insulin syringes must be submitted through SoonerCare Pharmacy Services. Previously approved prior authorizations for diabetic supplies through the SoonerCare Medical Authorization Unit will be adjusted with an end date of 05/31/2015. If a member was receiving their diabetic supplies through a Medical Authorization Unit prior authorization, then a new prior authorization must be submitted to Pharmacy Services. There has also been a price increase for the Freestyle and Precision test strips. The prices listed below will be effective June 1, 2015.

NDC Code	NDC Description	Price/ unit	Price/ Box
99073071231	FREESTYLE INSULINX 50ct	1.4961	74.8046
99073071227	FREESTYLE INSULINX TEST STRIPS 100ct	1.4961	149.6091
99073070822	FREESTYLE LITE STRIPS 50ct	1.4708	73.5381
99073070827	FREESTYLE LITE STRIPS 100ct	1.4208	142.0810
99073012050	FREESTYLE TEST STRIPS 50ct	1.4708	73.5381
99073012101	FREESTYLE TEST STRIPS 100ct	1.0561	105.6058
57599972804	PRECISION XTRA 50ct	1.4708	73.5381
57599987705	PRECISION XTRA 100ct	1.4208	142.0810

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