

Pharmacy Services

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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.**

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