

Dear SoonerCare Prescriber,

**Prednisolone Oral Solution Coverage Update: Millipred®, Veripred 20®**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is responsible for providing the highest level of care in a cost effective manner. To accomplish this dual purpose, we continually monitor availability and cost of medications.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a SoonerCare coverage update regarding prednisolone oral solutions. **Millipred®** (prednisolone 10mg/5ml, oral solution) and **Veripred 20®** (prednisolone 20mg/5ml, oral solution) have an average cost of \$274.80 for a 10 day course of treatment. Alternative generic products are readily available and have an average cost of \$20.63 for a 10 day course of treatment. As a result, these products will require **prior authorization effective October 5, 2015**.

The following are oral glucocorticoid steroid solutions that do not require prior authorization and could be considered as an alternative for Millipred® and Veripred 20®:

- **Prednisolone oral solution 15mg/5ml**
- **Prednisolone oral solution 5mg/5ml**
- **Dexamethasone oral solution 0.5mg/5ml** (see chart for equivalent dosing)

Additionally, there are many other glucocorticoid steroid options for your patients, including solid-dosage-form preparations. Below is a table of dosing equivalencies, should you wish to consider one of these alternative options:

<b><i>PREDNISOLONE 5mg (i) equivalent dosing*</i></b>	
cortisone: 25mg (s)	methylprednisolone: 4mg (i)
hydrocortisone: 20mg (s)	dexamethasone: 0.75 mg (I)
prednisone: 5mg (i)	

\* (s) short-acting      (i) intermediate-acting      (I) long-acting

We anticipate these options will meet the needs of your patients. However, if they do not, you may choose to submit a prior authorization for consideration, including patient-specific, clinically significant supporting information for use of the requested medication.

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