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Dear SoonerCare Provider,

The purpose of this fax is to provide information regarding criteria recently established for the reimbursement of various mesalamine products. You are receiving this fax because you recently dispensed or prescribed a mesalamine product for SoonerCare member(s).

**Effective June 15, 2016, Asacol® HD (mesalamine) delayed-release tablets, Pentasa® (mesalamine) 500mg controlled-release capsules, and Rowasa® (mesalamine) rectal suspension enema will require a prior authorization.**

Updated versions of prior authorization criteria for ulcerative colitis medications can be downloaded from [www.okhca.org/rx-pa](http://www.okhca.org/rx-pa), then clicking “Gastrointestinal.”

Please note all members receiving Asacol® HD (mesalamine) delayed-release tablets, Pentasa® (mesalamine) 500mg controlled-release capsules, and Rowasa® (mesalamine) rectal suspension enema will require that a manual prior authorization be submitted by their prescriber. No grandfathering will be allowed. If a member requires Asacol® HD (mesalamine) delayed-release tablets, Pentasa® (mesalamine) 500mg controlled-release capsules, or Rowasa® (mesalamine) rectal suspension enema, prior authorization requests can be submitted for consideration to SoonerCare Pharmacy Services, including patient-specific, clinically significant supporting information for use of the requested medication.

Prior authorization request forms can be found online at [www.okhca.org/forms](http://www.okhca.org/forms) (PHARM-04).

**The following medications do not require prior authorization but may be subject to appropriate quantity limits:** sulfasalazine 500mg tablets, sulfasalazine delayed-release 500mg tablets, Lialda® (mesalamine) delayed-release capsules, Colazal® (balsalazide) capsules, Dipentum® (olsalazine) capsules, Pentasa® (mesalamine) 250mg controlled-release capsules, Canasa®(mesalamine) suppositories, Apriso® (mesalamine) extended-release capsules, Delzicol® (mesalamine) delayed-release capsules, and hydrocortisone enemas.

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