

Pharmacy Services

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June 27, 2014

Dear Pharmacist,

At the June 26th board meeting, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Board was required to take action to reduce the costs of the SoonerCare program. This is necessary to comply with the Oklahoma Constitution, Article X, Section 203. This section states a state agency cannot spend more money than it receives in its annual budget. At least two items will affect pharmacies: a change in copay for prescriptions and a reduction in the dispensing fee. Both take effect July 1, 2014.

Copays will now be a flat \$4 charge, regardless of the cost of the medication.

Co-pay amounts apply only to non-pregnant adults who do not reside in long term care facilities. The following members are exempt from co-pays: children under 21 year old, pregnant women, adults who reside in LTC facilities, Native Americans, SoonerPlan members and those covered under the Breast and Cervical Cancer program.

For SoonerCare members in home and community-based waiver programs, their copay will remain at the tiered levels. The current tiers are as follows:

- \$0.65 for prescriptions costing between \$0.00 - \$10.00
- \$1.20 for prescriptions costing between \$10.01 - \$25.00
- \$2.40 for prescriptions costing between \$25.01 - \$50.00
- \$3.50 for prescriptions costing \$50.01 or more

The zero copay preferred generic program will be discontinued.

The dispensing fee will change from \$4.02 to \$3.71.

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

*******ALL PHARMACY CONTRACTS EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014*******

Please renew your contract TODAY to avoid a gap in coverage.