

April 2, 2020

**RE: Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, Emergency Clarification Code for Pharmacies, and ranitidine recall**

The purpose of this fax is to provide updates regarding a prior authorization requirement for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, early refill overrides due to a COVID-19 emergency, and the FDA recall of ranitidine.

**Prior Authorization for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine**

**Effective immediately**, new prescriptions for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine will require a prior authorization (PA) to ensure appropriate use. Members currently stabilized on these medications for rheumatoid arthritis or systemic lupus erythematosus will be grandfathered and claims will process with an AutoPA.

**As per Governor Stitt's Executive Order...**No prescription for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine may be dispensed unless all of the following apply:

- a. The prescription bears a written diagnosis from the prescriber consistent with the evidence for its use.
- b. The prescription is limited to no more than a fourteen (14) day supply, unless the patient was previously established on the medication prior to the effective date of the Order.
- c. No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished.

**Emergency Clarification Code for Pharmacies**

**Effective April 3, 2020**, pharmacies may submit NCPDP submission clarification code (SCC) 13 at the point of sale to override an early refill denial. This override provision should not be used for controlled substances. The override should only be used when necessary for SoonerCare members to adhere to CDC guidelines or Governor Stitt's executive orders regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. If you need assistance using the SCC 13 code you should contact your software vendor. OHCA will be monitoring claims submitted with SCC 13 to ensure use is appropriate.

**Ranitidine Recall**

Based on the FDA Release dated 4/1/20, SoonerCare will be ending coverage of all ranitidine containing products immediately. For more information, please visit [www.fda.org](http://www.fda.org).

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