



January 15, 2024

**RE: Breo® Ellipta®, Spiriva® HandiHaler®, and Pradaxa® Coverage Changes Effective January 29, 2024**

The following changes will take effect January 29, 2024. Complete prior authorization (PA) criteria can be found on the OHCA website at [www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/pa](http://www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/pa). Pharmacy prior authorization forms can be found on the OHCA website at <https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/rxforms>.

**Breo® Ellipta® and Spiriva® HandiHaler®**

Breo® Ellipta® (fluticasone furoate/vilanterol) will be brand preferred. Members currently utilizing generic fluticasone furoate/vilanterol will need to switch to brand Breo® Ellipta®.

Spiriva® HandiHaler® (tiotropium inhalation powder) will be brand preferred. Members currently utilizing generic tiotropium inhalation powder will need to switch to brand Spiriva® HandiHaler®.

The specific PA requirements and tier charts for the Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Maintenance Medications can be found on the OHCA website in the “Respiratory” therapeutic category.

**Pradaxa®**

Pradaxa® (dabigatran) will be brand preferred. Members currently utilizing generic dabigatran will need to switch to brand Pradaxa®. The specific PA requirements for Anticoagulants and Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors can be found on the OHCA website in the “Cardiovascular” therapeutic category.

**SoonerCare Brand Name Preferred Products**

In general, the SoonerCare program requires PA for any brand name medication for which there is an FDA approved A-rated generic equivalent. However, there are some products for which SoonerCare has determined greater cost-effectiveness in the use of the brand name product. In some instances, the net cost of the brand name product, when adjusted for rebates, is significantly lower than the net cost of the generic equivalents. A list of medications for which the brand name formulation is preferred can be found on the OHCA website at [www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/rx](http://www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/rx).

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