



# SoonerCare Fax Blast

**November 30, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Plavix®, Effient™ Prior Authorization & Holiday Hours**

Effective immediately, Plavix® & Effient™ will not require prior authorization for the first 90 days of therapy per year. (The 90-day PA exemption is based on the 365 days preceding the prescription fill date, not calendar year.) Longer-term therapy continues to require prior authorization. All prior authorizations are approved for duration of 1 year. After the end of 15 months of therapy, prescribers should provide supporting information for the continuation of these products.

**Plavix® Approval Criteria:**

- Recent Stroke
- Recent myocardial infarction
- Established peripheral artery disease
- Acute coronary syndrome (unstable angina/non-Q-wave MI)
- Percutaneous coronary intervention with stent placement
- Transient ischemic attacks (CVA, Stroke)

**Effient™ Approval Criteria:**

- The approved diagnoses are UA/NSTEMI and STEMI patients who are to be managed with percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), primary or delayed.
- Effient™ will not be approved for members with the following situations:
  - CABG surgery
  - Members with a history of TIA or stroke
- Members greater than 75 years of age will generally not be approved without supporting information.

**Holiday Hours**

The OHCA Pharmacy Help Desk & Prior Authorization Department Will Observe the following schedule for the upcoming holidays:

**Thanksgiving**

Thursday 11/26 – Closed

Friday 11/27 – Closed

Saturday 11/28 – Resume Normal Hours

**Christmas/New Year**

Thursday 12/24/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday 12/25/09 – Closed

Saturday 12/26/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/27/09 – 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday 12/28/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 12/29/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12/30/09 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday 12/31/09 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday 1/1/09 – Closed

Saturday 1/2/09 – Resume Normal Hours

Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Numbers (405)522-6205 option 4 or (800)522-0114 option 4  
Service Hours: Monday – Friday (8:30a – 7:00p); Saturday (9:00a – 5:00p); Sunday (11:00a – 5:00p)

Email: [pharmacy@okhca.org](mailto:pharmacy@okhca.org) OHCA Website: [www.okhca.org](http://www.okhca.org)

PA Criteria: [www.okhca.org/providers/rx/pa](http://www.okhca.org/providers/rx/pa) PA forms: [www.okhca.org/rx-forms](http://www.okhca.org/rx-forms)