

Pharmacy Services

(800) 522-0114, option 4

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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, 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 (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!