

Pharmacy Services

(800) 522-0114, option 4

October 1, 2018

Dear SoonerCare Provider,

SB1446, Regulation of opioid drugs; providing limitations on quantities of certain prescriptions.

SB1446, an act relating to the regulation of opioid drugs, which will **limit the *initial prescription for all opioids to a seven-day (7) supply***, was signed in to law and will take effect November 1, 2018. Signed by the Governor on May 2, 2018, the new law addresses opioid abuse by establishing prescribing limits, requiring continuing education on controlled substance prescribing, and expanding required use of the prescription monitoring program by prescribers.

Pharmacists are affected by the changes in this law in the following ways:

- Pharmacists will need to educate themselves regarding the changes to prescribing limits on controlled substances, including any opioid drug.
- The new law establishes guidelines to be adopted by prescribers that limit the number of days supply and number of prescriptions for the treatment of acute pain.

Opioid drugs quantity limit

Coinciding with SB1446 **SoonerCare will allow a quantity of eight (8) units per day for acute opioid therapy up to a seven-day (7) supply**. Prescriptions written for opioid therapy greater than or equal to an eight-day (8) supply will be limited to a quantity of four (4) units per day.

Fycompa™ (perampanel)

Recently criteria was modified for the reimbursement of Fycompa™ (perampanel). Effective October 01, 2018, **Fycompa™ (perampanel) tablets and oral suspension will no longer require prior authorization**. Claims for Fycompa™ (perampanel) will process without a prior authorization. Please refer to the SoonerCare pharmacy website (www.okhca.org/pa) for prior authorization criteria for other products in the anticonvulsant class.

For additional coverage information, please call the SoonerCare Pharmacy helpdesk at (800) 522-0114, option 4.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare members.