

PHP Formulary Update

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Dear Phoenix Health Plan (PHP) Provider:

Effective 10/15/10, praziquantel (Biltricide®) will be added to the PHP Formulary without prior authorization, but with a limit of one fill per 90 days.

Also effective 10/15/10, duplicate therapy with two benzodiazepines will not be allowed to process through the pharmacy system. Current users of more than one prescription of benzodiazepines will be grandfathered.

The PHP Formulary includes a variety of other medications that can be used for anxiety and insomnia. The current PHP Formulary can be found at www.phoenixhealthplan.com.

As a reminder;

Singulair is available as step therapy as long as the member refills his/her inhaled corticosteroid in a timely manner and continues to do so. The member must refill his/her orally inhaled corticosteroid (such as, Flovent, QVAR, budesonide respules, Advair or Symbicort) at least two months in a row before Singulair will process without prior authorization. Please remind your patients and their parents (as appropriate) regarding adherence to their medication regimens.

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact PHP Pharmacy Services (800) 747-7997 or (602) 824-3700; options 3,4,1

Thank you for your participation and for the quality care you provide to our members.

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