

SFBF/VEBA Notice

Beginning January 1, 2011, OTC medicines or drugs, such as pain relievers or antacids will require a physician's prescription in order to be considered eligible for reimbursement. The only exception is insulin – which will **not** require a prescription. **This is per IRS rules** established under the Patient Protection Act and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Over-the-counter (OTC) products that **are not** medicines or drugs are reimbursable without a prescription when the OTC product is used for medical purposes. This includes items such as sunscreen, bandages, and contact lens solution.

A Letter of Medical Necessity (LMN) **will not** be accepted in place of a physician's prescription. If you have a chronic condition and regularly take an OTC medicine or drug for treatment, your physician may prescribe an OTC medicine or drug "as needed". In this case, your claim will only be approved for the benefit period in which it is submitted. If the prescription does not indicate a specific number of refills, you will need to submit a new prescription each time you purchase the item. You cannot resubmit the original prescription.

Example of Prescription from Physician:

Smith & Jones, 123 Main Street Anytown, USA 55555 License #123456789 Patient: <i>Jane A. Doe</i>	MD Date: <i>1/15/2011</i>
<i>acetaminophen 500mg b.i.d.</i>	
<i>6</i> refills	<i>Charles Smith, MD</i>