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RE: Updates for Banzel®

Prescribers and pharmacists,

Banzel® (rufinamide) tablets and suspension have been brand preferred for quite some time. **Effective today**, both the generic (rufinamide) and the brand (Banzel®) will be available for dispensing to Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries.

Generic rufinamide tablet and suspension will require DAW code of zero (0) to process the payment at the correct generic rate. Banzel® brand tablet and suspension will require a DAW code of nine (9) to ensure the claim is processed as a plan prefers brand (PPB) product and pays at the brand rate. **After 08/04/2025**, brand Banzel® tablet and suspension will no longer be considered the plan preferred brand product while the generic will become the preferred option.

Rufinamide will remain a non-preferred medication on the Arkansas Medicaid preferred drug list (PDL) and continue to require prior authorization as currently.

For any questions, contact the Prime Therapeutics Help Desk at 800-424-7895.

Sincerely,

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