

Pharmacy Services

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Dear SoonerCare Provider,

Synagis® (palivizumab) will again require prior authorization for the 2018-2019 RSV Season. Approval is based on the 2014 American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines.

- Synagis® prior authorization approval criteria can be found on the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) website under the respiratory therapeutic category: www.okhca.org/pa
- The Synagis® prior authorization form will be available on the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) website on October 1, 2018 (www.okhca.org/forms). The form, Pharm-7, updated December 2016, must be signed by the prescriber. **Outdated prior authorization forms will not be accepted.**
- Approval dates for Synagis® will be from November 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019.
- **Prior Authorization requests will NOT be accepted prior to October 15th.** Petitions submitted prior to this date will be denied and will have to be resubmitted after October 15th.
- The maximum duration of therapy is **5 doses (including any administered in the hospital)** with a dose to be administered not more often than every 30 days. Members given doses more frequently than every 30 days will not be authorized for additional doses.
- Because Synagis® is a weight-based drug, weights must have been taken within three weeks so that an appropriate number of vials for the season can be approved. Older weights will not be accepted.
- Only those doses that require greater than a vial's dose +10% may use the next vial size or an additional vial. See table below.
- Quantity limits will be set to ensure that excessive vials are not being used.
- To avoid unnecessary risk to the patient, multiple patients are **not** to be treated from a single vial. Failure to follow this recommendation will result in referral of the provider to the Quality Assurance Committee of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

| Weight Range | Dose (mg) | 50 mg Vial | 100 mg vial |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 0 - 3.67 kg | 0-55 | 1 | |
| 3.7 - 7.3 kg | 56-110 | | 1 |
| 7.4 - 11.0 kg | 111-165 | 1 | 1 |
| 11.1 - 14.67 kg | 166-220 | | 2 |

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