



Pharmacy Update

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REMINDER - Synagis[®] will again require prior authorization for the 2007-08 RSV Season. Approval is based on the 2003 American Academy of Pediatrics Guidelines.

- Updated petition form will be available on the OHCA website on October 1st. The revised form must be signed by the physician. **Outdated petition forms will not be accepted.** www.okhca.org
- Approval dates for Synagis[®] will be October 15, 2007 thru March 31, 2008.
- **Petitions will NOT be accepted prior to October 1st.** Petitions submitted prior to this date will be denied and will have to be resubmitted after October 1st.
- The maximum duration of therapy is **6 doses (including dose 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.
- 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.

| 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 |

- 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.

New for 2007-2008: The **Supplemental Synagis Dosing Form** should be completed and faxed with each subsequent administration to document the members' weight and dosage. This data will be tracked in an effort to ensure optimal quantities are authorized for each member.

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