

October 10, 2018

RE: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Prophylaxis for 2018-19 Season

Dear Provider:

This letter is to notify you of procedures for the 2018-2019 Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season and Synagis® (palivizumab) immunoprophylaxis.

- ❖ Synagis® (palivizumab) will be provided to your office by Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy, UPHP's provider of specialty medications.
- ❖ See our website, uphp.com, for guidance on immunoprophylaxis with Synagis® (palivizumab), criteria for prior authorization, and enrollment forms.
- ❖ **Submit the Synagis® prior authorization form to MagellanRX Management, our pharmacy benefit manager.**
- ❖ Synagis® immunoprophylaxis is available during the **RSV season** outlined based on AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) guidelines.

Please keep in mind the following information, regarding surveillance data in the Upper Peninsula. The CDC surveillance data shows that Region 5 (Chicago) of which the Upper Peninsula is included historically has an onset late into November or December with the season duration being 21 weeks. The UPHP Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC) discussion led to a recommendation that for this area, there is justification to delay in the initiation of prophylaxis until later in November.

Prior Authorization Information

- ❖ The Synagis® Prior Authorization/Enrollment form based on the July 28, 2014 AAP guidelines is available at www.uphp.com. The guidelines were approved by the UPHP Pharmacy Clinical Advisory Committee (PCAC) and UPHP Clinical Advisory Committee (CAC) in September 2014 and yearly thereafter.
- ❖ **All Synagis® injections require prior authorization. There are NO EXCEPTIONS.** Prior authorization is needed even if the child has a primary insurance other than UPHP.
- ❖ Coverage of up to a **MAXIMUM OF FIVE MONTHLY DOSES** will be allowed per recipient for patients meeting guidelines.
- ❖ **Synagis® will be available from November 15, 2018 to April 15, 2019.**

Synagis® Delivery and Billing

- ❖ Synagis® (palivizumab) will need to be processed and billed directly to us through Diplomat Specialty and our pharmacy benefit manager. **Synagis® will be supplied directly to your office. You will be contacted** to coordinate dosing and delivery of Synagis® once a request is approved.
- ❖ **You may bill ONLY the administration fee of Synagis® through the medical benefit.**

Please feel free to call UPHP Customer Service or Diplomat Customer Service with any concerns you have regarding Synagis® administration or the prior authorization process. The UPHP Pharmacy Department monitors regional and local testing results during the RSV season and can provide you with that information as requested.

Sincerely,

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