



October 5, 2020

Dear SoonerCare Provider,

Synagis® (palivizumab) will again require prior authorization for the 2020-2021 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 is available on the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) website at www.okhca.org/rxforms. The form, Pharm-7, updated September 2019, must be signed by the prescriber. Outdated prior authorization forms will not be accepted.
- Approval dates for Synagis® will be from November 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2021.
- Prior Authorization requests will NOT be accepted prior to October 19, 2020. Petitions submitted prior to this date will be denied and will have to be resubmitted after October 19th.
- 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 3 weeks so that an appropriate number of vials for the season can be approved. Older weights will not be accepted. For example, for requests to start Synagis® on November 1, 2020, weights must be taken on October 11, 2020 or later to be considered.
- 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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