Dear SoonerCare Provider,

Synagis® (palivizumab) will again require prior authorization for the 2019-2020 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](http://www.okhca.org/pa)
- The Synagis® prior authorization form will be available on the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) website on October 1, 2019 ([www.okhca.org/rxforms](http://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 Outdated prior authorization forms will not be accepted.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, 2019 thru March 31, 2020.
- **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 3 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
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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 | 1 | 2

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