



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

November 7, 2018

Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Hospital, and
Pharmacy Providers

Effective December 13, 2018

Smart PA® Prior Authorization for Synagis®

Synagis® (Palivizumab), a covered product for Montana Healthcare Programs, is subject to prior authorization criteria. Reimbursement is only authorized during the Montana Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season from December 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019.

Montana Healthcare Programs will begin authorizing Synagis® on December 13, 2018, electronically through the SmartPA Point-of-Sale Prior Authorization system. Therefore, reimbursement is not available for Synagis® until dates of service December 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019. If a request is denied through the SmartPA system on or after December 13, 2018, please contact the Medicaid Drug Prior Authorization Unit at 1.800.395.7961. Additional supporting documentation will be required for review. The criteria for approval is outlined on the second page of this notice.

Please Note: Epidemiology of RSV is monitored to adjust for seasonal variance. The attached criteria was updated in 2014 to coincide with the American Academy of Pediatrics, most recently revised guidelines (2014) for RSV prophylaxis.

Contact Information

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email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.](mailto:MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com)

[Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)

MONTANA MEDICAID SYNAGIS® CRITERIA 2018-19

RISK FACTORS ELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL

AGE AT ONSET OF RSV SEASON is <12 Months <i>(does not include 1st birthday)</i>
Estimated Gestational Age (EGA) < 29 weeks
EGA < 32 weeks with a diagnosis of Chronic Lung Disease (CLD) and history of requirement for 21% oxygen for the first 28 days after birth (CLD of prematurity).
Diagnosis of hemodynamically significant acyanotic congenital heart disease AND history of drugs to treat CHF or moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension in the past 45 days.
Diagnosis of hemodynamically significant cyanotic congenital heart disease AND prescriber is a pediatric cardiologist.
Diagnosis of severe neuromuscular disease or congenital respiratory abnormalities (does not include CF).
Patient undergoing cardiac transplantation OR patient is profoundly immunocompromised (e.g. stem cell or organ transplant, chemotherapy, etc.) during RSV season.

AGE AT ONSET OF RSV SEASON is ≥12 Months and < 24 Months <i>(does not include 2nd birthday)</i>
Diagnosis of CLD of prematurity as defined above WITH history in past 6 months of O2 supplementation, diuretics, or 3 or more claims for systemic or inhaled corticosteroids.
Patient undergoing cardiac transplantation OR Patient profoundly immunocompromised during RSV season.

- The 2018-19 season for Montana Healthcare Programs and Healthy Montana Kids/CHIP RSV prophylaxis will run from December 13, 2018 through April 30, 2019.
- Approval will be for 1 dose per month, up to a **maximum** of 5 doses, during the RSV season.
- Montana Healthcare Programs and Healthy Montana Kids/CHIP will allow one 50mg vial (0.5ml) **OR** one 100mg (1ml) vial. Doses above 100mg will require prior authorization based on patient weight.