



# Medicaid Pharmacy News

Dear Pharmacies and Providers:

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## **SYNAGIS® PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE**

Wyoming Medicaid requires a prior authorization for **ALL** Synagis® claims. There is a **separate authorization request** form that is required, and it is available on <http://wymedicaid.org/>. **Requests will be accepted starting November 1, 2023.** Requests will be approved for a max of 5 doses at a dosing interval of not less than 28 days between injections. The provider must sign the request form for the first dose. For each subsequent dose, the client's weight, the medication administration date, and the date of submission must be updated and the provider (or provider's agent) must initial the form. Authorizations for subsequent doses **will not be approved** without that updated information. Wyoming Medicaid will approve Synagis® prior authorization requests that meet the criteria below. Clients who have a positive RSV test in the 2022-2023 season, who have been hospitalized for RSV, or receive Beyfortus® will not be allowed further claims for Synagis® during the season. If a client does not meet the criteria, please provide as much information as possible, and those requests will be reviewed by the state on a case-by-case basis. Wyoming Medicaid does not approve prior authorizations for Synagis® in advance, as the dose depends on the client's current weight. Please submit the request the week prior to the anticipated administration date.

- **CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE:** Client is <24 months of age at start of therapy and has chronic lung disease of prematurity (i.e. bronchopulmonary dysplasia) requiring medication (diuretic or chronic corticosteroid therapy) or oxygen for at least 28 days after birth.
- **CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE:** Client is <12 months of age at start of therapy and has hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease and one or more of the following:
  - Is receiving medication to control congestive heart failure
  - Has a diagnosis of moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension
  - Has a diagnosis of cyanotic heart disease
- **PREMATURITY:**
  - Client is <12 months of age at the start of RSV season and born at <28 weeks, 6 days gestational age
  - Client is <12 months of age at the start of RSV season and born at 34 weeks, 6 days or less gestational age and has either severe neuromuscular disease or congenital abnormalities, either of which compromise handling of respiratory secretions.
  - Client is <6 months of age at the start of RSV season and born between 29 weeks, 0 days and 35 weeks, 6 days gestational age.

For any questions, please call the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 877-209-1264.