

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Skytrofa (Ionapecsomatropin)
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Skytrofa (Ionapecsomatropin) is a sustained-release growth hormone product. It is indicated for patients one year of age or older who weigh at least 11.5 kg and have growth failure due to inadequate secretion of endogenous growth hormone and for replacement of endogenous growth hormone in adults with growth hormone deficiency (GHD).

Skytrofa (Ionapecsomatropin) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency

For initial authorization:

1. Member is at least 1 year of age; AND
2. Member weighs at least 11.5kg; AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist; AND
4. Member was diagnosed with congenital hypopituitarism as a newborn and had **BOTH** of the following:
 - a) Hypoglycemia with a serum GH concentration \leq 5 μ g/L;
 - b) At least one additional pituitary hormone deficiency (see appendix C) or classical imaging triad (ectopic posterior pituitary and pituitary hypoplasia with abnormal stalk); OR
5. Member has documentation of **BOTH** of the following:
 - a) Hypothalamic-pituitary defect (see appendix A);
 - b) At least one additional pituitary hormone deficiency (see appendix C); OR
6. Member must have documentation of **TWO** pre-treatment stimulation tests with a peak serum growth hormone concentration $<$ 10 ng/mL (must include lab results with reference ranges); AND
7. Member must have a documented 6-month trial and failure of Omnitrope 5.8 mg vial; AND
8. Member must have a pretreatment height (must include growth charts) of $>$ 2 SD below the mean for age and gender; AND
9. Member must have a pretreatment height velocity (must include growth charts) below the 25th percentile for age and gender; AND
10. Member does **NOT** have a history of active malignancy; AND
11. Member's weight is provided for dose calculation; AND
12. If member is age 12 or older, radiographic evidence the member's epiphyses are open (x-ray results must be included).
13. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** 0.24mg/kg given subcutaneously once weekly.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For reauthorization:

1. Member has a growth rate of at least 2 cm/year; AND
2. If member is age 12 or older, radiographic evidence the member's epiphyses are open (x-ray results must be included).

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)

For initial authorization:

1. Member is at least 18 years of age or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist; AND
3. Member has genetic or structural brain hypothalamic-pituitary defect that does not require testing (see appendix B); OR
4. Member must have documentation of **ALL** of the following:
 - a) Hypothalamic-pituitary defect (see appendix A);
 - b) IGF-1 <-2 standard deviations for age and gender;
 - c) Deficiencies in at least **THREE** pituitary axes (see appendix C); OR
5. Member must have documentation of **ALL** of the following:
 - a) Hypothalamic-pituitary defect (see appendix A);
 - b) IGF-1 <-2 standard deviations for age and gender;
 - c) Suboptimal response to **ONE** pre-treatment stimulation test defined as:
 - i) Insulin tolerance test (ITT) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration < 5 µg/L (must include lab results with reference ranges);
 - ii) Macrilen (prior authorization required) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration < 2.8 µg/L;
 - iii) Glucagon stimulation test (GST) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration meeting **ONE** of the following:
 - (1) <3 µg/L for members with a BMI <25 kg/m²;
 - (2) <3 µg/L for members with a BMI 25 to 30 kg/m² with a high pretest probability;
 - (3) <1 µg/L for members with a BMI >30 kg/m²;
 - (4) <1 µg/L for members with a BMI 25 to 30 kg/m² with a low pretest probability; OR
6. Member must have documentation of **ALL** of the following:
 - a) Diagnosis of idiopathic isolated GHD;
 - b) IGF-1 between 0 to -2 or <-2 standard deviations for age and gender;
 - c) Human growth hormone therapy has been discontinued for at least one month;
 - d) Suboptimal response to **TWO** pre-treatment stimulation tests defined as:
 - i) Insulin tolerance test (ITT) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration < 5 µg/L (must include lab results with reference ranges);
 - ii) Macrilen (prior authorization required) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration < 2.8 µg/L;
 - iii) Glucagon stimulation test (GST) with a peak serum growth hormone concentration meeting **ONE** of the following:
 - (1) <3 µg/L in members with a BMI <25 kg/m²;
 - (2) <3 µg/L for members with a BMI 25 to 30 kg/m² with a high pretest probability;
 - (3) <1 µg/L for members with a BMI >30 kg/m²;
 - (4) <1 µg/L for members with a BMI 25 to 30 kg/m² with a low pretest probability; AND
7. Member does **NOT** have a history of active malignancy.
8. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** Recommended starting dose is based on age and concomitant use of oral estrogen. Titrate monthly per package insert. The maximum recommended dose is 6.3 mg once weekly.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Member's current IGF-1 level is within -2 and +2 standard deviations for age and gender (must include lab results with reference range).

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Skytrofa (lonapegsomatropin) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off-Label policy.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
10/13/2021	Skytrofa policy creation
08/29/2023	Increased Omnitrope trial from 90 days to 6 months; updated requirements for diagnosis of GHD including when testing is not required; updated appendix, added/updated references; added exclusion of active malignancy; added in consultation with for prescriber specialty; added documentation of height velocity below the 25 th percentile; added documentation of weight for dose calculation.
08/15/2025	Added adult GHD indication.

Appendix A:

A) Acquired structural abnormalities

- CNS tumor or neoplasm (craniopharyngioma, glioma, pituitary adenoma, etc.)
- Cysts (Rathke cleft cyst or arachnoid cleft cyst)
- Surgery
- Radiation
- Chemotherapy
- CNS infection
- CNS infarction (e.g., Sheehan's syndrome)
- Inflammatory lesions (e.g., autoimmune hypophysitis)
- Infiltrative lesions (e.g., sarcoidosis, histiocytosis)
- Head trauma or traumatic brain injury
- Aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage
- Panhypopituitarism

B) Congenital abnormalities

- Known genetic mutations in growth-hormone releasing hormone (GHRH) receptor, GH gene, GH receptor or pituitary transcription factors
- Optic nerve hypoplasia/septo-optic dysplasia
- Empty sella syndrome
- Ectopic posterior pituitary

- Pituitary aplasia/hypoplasia
- Pituitary stalk defect
- Anencephaly or prosencephaly
- Other mid-line defects
- Vascular malformations

Appendix B:

A) Congenital and acquired abnormalities that do not require adult testing

- Genetic
- Transcription factor defects (PIT-1, PROP-1, LHX3/4, HESX-1, PITX-2)
- GHRH receptor-gene defects
- GH-gene defects
- GH-receptor/post-receptor defects
- Associated with brain structural defects
- Single central incisor
- Cleft lip/palate
- Perinatal insults

Appendix C:

A) Pituitary hormones (other than growth hormone)

- Adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH)
- Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)
- Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)
- Luteinizing hormone (LH)
- Oxytocin
- Prolactin
- Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)

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