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PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT
Arkansas PASSE

DRUG NAME	Somavert (pegvisomant)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC code
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) QUANTITY LIMIT—30 single dose vials per 30 days
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED **NOT** MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

Somavert (pegvisomant) will only be considered for coverage under the **pharmacy** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

ACROMEGALY

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years old or older; AND
2. Member has diagnosis of uncontrolled acromegaly confirmed by insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1) elevation above normal (lab report required); AND
3. Member had an inadequate response to surgery or radiation, or member is ineligible for these treatments (documentation required); AND
4. Member has had baseline liver function testing.
5. **Dosage allowed:** Loading dose 40mg subQ under provider supervision. Titrate to normalize IGF-1; dosing range 10mg-30mg subQ once daily.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 3 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes/lab report must show normalized or improved (decreased) IGF-1.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Somavert (pegvisomant) not medically necessary for the treatment of diseases that are not listed in this document.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
11/02/2020	New policy for Somavert created.
01/05/2022	Removed prescriber specialty requirement and treatment with octreotide or lanreotide.

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