

SYNAGIS[®] 2013-2014

Preparing for RSV Season

Humana – CareSource[™] follows the American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book Guidelines for Synagis and applies these guidelines to all requests for prior authorization of Synagis:

Humana – CareSource[™] may reimburse for **up to five injections** of Synagis from November 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, under the following circumstances:

- Infants born at \leq 28 weeks/six days gestation **AND** who are less than 12 months of age as of November 1, 2013 (born **after** November 1, 2012).
- Infants born at 29 – 31 weeks/six days gestation **AND** who are less than six months of age as of November 1, 2013 (born **after** May 1, 2013).
- Infants born **before** 35 weeks who have either congenital abnormalities of the airways or a severe neuromuscular disorder that compromises handling of respiratory secretions.
- Children who are **24 months of age or younger** with hemodynamically significant cyanotic and/or acyanotic congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure or moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension. **(Please include diagnosis and treatment.)**
- Infants and children who are **younger than 24 months** of age who receive medical therapy (e.g., supplemental oxygen, bronchodilator, diuretic or steroids) for chronic lung disease of prematurity within six months of RSV. **(Please include diagnosis and treatment.)**

Humana – CareSource may reimburse for **up to three injections** of Synagis for the period of November 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014, during the first 90 days of life only for infants born at 32 to 34 weeks/six days gestation **AND** who are less than three months of age as of November 1, 2013 (born **after** August 1, 2013), **AND** with at least one additional risk factor:

- Child care attendance
- Sibling younger than five years of age (excluding a twin or multiple birth sibling)

BILLING CODES FOR SYNAGIS

Nursing and Facility Charges:

- Only CPT Code **90378** will be authorized for reimbursement for the administration of the Synagis injection.
- Participating providers: If the member has been preapproved for the Synagis shot, Humana – CareSource does **NOT** require a prior authorization for the skilled nursing visits.
 - The agency should bill under **G0154** code & **90378**

CARESOURCE REIMBURSEMENT

- We encourage billing for Synagis through CVS Caremark. Providers billing CVS Caremark through the pharmacy benefit will be reimbursed according to their agreement with CVS Caremark.
- Providers billing Humana – CareSource through the medical benefit will be reimbursed for Synagis according to their contracted rate with Humana – CareSource.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR SYNAGIS

- **Online:** For faster processing of prior authorizations, submit using our secure provider portal:
<https://providerportal.caresource.com/KY/User/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fKY%2f>
- **Fax:** Complete the Synagis prior authorization form from our website and fax to 1-888-399-0271

AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

- Providers submit Synagis prior authorization requests to CareSource.
- Humana – CareSource clinical pharmacists apply CareSource Synagis medical policy to authorize services.
- A peer-to-peer review is offered to all requesting physicians if Humana – CareSource is unable to authorize the requested Synagis.