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Subject: Changes to Enroll Eligible Members into the Synagis® Program for the 2022-2023 RSV Season

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are committed to providing quality healthcare services to our members. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the criteria for members to join the Synagis® Program for the 2022-2023 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season and discuss improved changes in our process.

The Synagis® Program for the 2022-2023 RSV season has started. Presbyterian will continue to provide Synagis® injections for members who are 2 years old and younger and meet the unchanged criteria for the Synagis® program. Synagis® may be administered by intramuscular injection in your office or in the home of the member by contracted home care agencies approximately every 28 to 31 days.

Providers can enroll eligible members for the Synagis® Program by completing the New Mexico Synagis® Prior Authorization/Statement of Medical Necessity/Order Form. The criteria for admission include the following requirements:

1. The member is less than 12 months old as of Nov. 15 and with hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease (CHD).
2. The member is less than 12 months old as of Nov. 15 and less than 32wks 0 days with chronic lung disease of prematurity requiring oxygen of FiO₂ greater than 21 percent for more than 28 days after birth.
3. The member is less than 24 months old with chronic lung disease (CLD) and continues on supplemental oxygen, diuretic or corticosteroid.
4. The member is less than 24 months old as of Nov .15 and has severe immunodeficiency.
5. The member is less than 12 months old as of Nov. 15 with neuromuscular disease with the inability to clear secretions.
6. The member is less than 12 months old as of Nov. 15 with congenital abnormality of the airway with the inability to clear secretions.
7. The member is less than 12 months old as of Nov. 15 and born at 28 weeks, six days gestation or sooner.
8. The member is less than 24 months old as of Nov. 15 and underwent a cardiac transplantation during the RSV season.

A copy of the updated New Mexico Synagis® Prior Authorization/Statement of Medical Necessity/Order Form and the criteria for admission are enclosed and may be found online at www.phs.org. As usual, please ensure you complete the demographic and criteria areas, and check and fill in all the individual order boxes including home health care if desired.

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Please note the following changes for this season:

1. The form must be faxed to **both** fax numbers listed below:
 - 800-724-6953 (Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy Services) to obtain prior authorization; **and**
 - 866-248-0801 (Presbyterian Specialty Care Pharmacy) to be used as the prescription order.
2. If you desire to contract with a home health agency to administer Synagis, then please complete the home healthcare order provided on the form and coordinate with the Presbyterian Specialty Pharmacy and the home health agency of your choice.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. For prior authorization questions, please call (505) 923-5757 (select option 3 and follow the prompts). For specialty pharmacy questions, please call (505) 823-8800.

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