

AvMed

PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST*

Directions: The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request. All other information may be filled in by office staff; **fax to 1-305-671-0200.** No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If the information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, the authorization process can be delayed.**

Drug Requested: Repository Corticotropin Medications - Symptomatic Sarcoidosis

| <u>PREFERRED</u> | <u>NON-PREFERRED</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Purified Cortrophin™ Gel (repository corticotropin) | <input type="checkbox"/> HP Acthar® Gel (repository corticotropin) *Member must have tried and failed preferred Purified Cortrophin™ Gel and meet all applicable PA criteria below |

MEMBER & PRESCRIBER INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Member Name: _____

Member AvMed #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Prescriber Name: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

DEA OR NPI #: _____

DRUG INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Form/Strength: _____

Dosing Schedule: _____ Length of Therapy: _____

Diagnosis: _____ ICD Code, if applicable: _____

Weight: _____ Date: _____

- **Adverse effects that may occur with repository corticotropin are related primarily to its steroidogenic effects and are similar to corticosteroids. There may be increased susceptibility to new infection and increased risk of reactivation of latent infections. Adrenal insufficiency may occur after abrupt withdrawal of the drug following prolonged therapy.**

CLINICAL CRITERIA: Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

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- Member **MUST** have a documented diagnosis of sarcoidosis and **ONE** of the following:

- With active pulmonary symptoms **OR** Extra pulmonary symptoms only

AND

- Member **must** have tried and failed or has a contraindication to systemic corticosteroids as follows:

- Trial of dose equivalent to at least 20 mg prednisone daily for 3 months **MUST** be noted in pharmacy claims

OR

- For contraindication: GI BLEED has occurred within the last 30 days (**must submit chart note documentation**)

AND

- Member **must** have tried and failed or has a contraindication to at least **one** (1) of the following immunomodulators (therapy tried **must** be noted in pharmacy claims):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> methotrexate | <input type="checkbox"/> azathioprine | <input type="checkbox"/> leflunomide |
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AND

- Member **must** have tried and failed or has a contraindication to at least **one** (1) TNF Inhibitor (therapy tried **must** be noted in pharmacy claims):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> infliximab (Remicade®) | <input type="checkbox"/> etanercept (Enbrel®) | <input type="checkbox"/> adalimumab (Humira®) |
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AND

- Documentation that **EITHER** pulmonary imaging/pulmonary function tests **OR** noncaseating granulomas showed worsening of disease while on a steroid and immunomodulator and TNF-Inhibitor (progress notes and diagnostics **MUST** be submitted):

- Pulmonary imaging **OR** Confirmation of noncaseating granulomas
- Recent pulmonary function tests

Medication being provided by a Specialty Pharmacy - PropriumRx

Not all drugs may be covered under every Plan

If a drug is non-formulary on a Plan, documentation of medical necessity will be required.

Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step edit/ preauthorization criteria.

Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.