

# 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 - Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

- Repository corticotropin is a form of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH). It works by stimulating the adrenal cortex to secrete cortisol, corticosterone, aldosterone, and a few other weakly androgenic substances. Repository corticotropin has been compared in studies with other therapeutically equivalent alternatives such as cosyntropin and corticosteroids.
- There is a lack of controlled studies for Nephrotic Syndrome that has hindered development of guidelines on treatment. The Kidney International Supplements (2012) and other clinical practice guidelines were used for this prior authorization form.
- 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.

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**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.

**Use of repository corticotropin injection is not considered medically necessary as treatment of corticosteroid responsive conditions**

- Member must have had concurrent flares of inflammation of the joints and/or recurrence or new rash formation while on high dose steroids in combination with immunosuppressant therapy

**AND**

- Does the member have any of the following contraindications to Repository Corticotropin Therapy? (Check all that apply. If none, check “none of the above.” Requested medication will not be approved if member has any of the following contraindications)

<input type="checkbox"/> Scleroderma	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Systemic fungal infection
<input type="checkbox"/> Ocular herpes simplex	<input type="checkbox"/> Congestive heart failure	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncontrolled hypertension
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary adrenocortical insufficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Adrenocortical hyperfunction	<input type="checkbox"/> Congenital infections (infant)
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary adrenocortical insufficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Known history of a primary immunodeficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above

- Please note member’s current flare symptom(s):

<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis (Defined as more than 2 joints with pain and signs of inflammation (i.e. tenderness, swelling, or effusion)
<input type="checkbox"/> Rash (Defined as new onset or recurrence of inflammatory type rash)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <b>(must submit current literature to support repository corticotropin effectiveness and primary study endpoint(s) have been met)</b>

**AND**

- PAID CLIAMS MUST MATCH STATEMENT BELOW:**

Member **MUST** have tried and failed the following therapies below for at least 3 months consecutively within the last 12 months. Failure will be defined as no improvement in symptoms while on high dose corticosteroid **(both IV and oral trials required)** and immunosuppressant agent concomitantly. Please note therapies tried:

- Prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV **AND** Prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day oral **(or an equivalent high dose steroid)**

Name, dose and dates of the equivalent high does steroid trials: \_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

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- ❑ **PREDNISONE MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN CONCURRENTLY WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS CONSECUTIVELY WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.** Please note therapy tried (**paid claims WILL be verified through pharmacy records; chart notes documenting failure of prednisone plus concurrent immunosuppressive drug MUST be submitted**):

❑ Methotrexate (≤ 25 mg/week)	❑ Azathioprine (TPMT normal) (2-3 mg/kg/day)	❑ Mycophenolic mofetil (2-3 g/day)
❑ Tacrolimus (1-3 mg/day)	❑ Hydroxychloroquine (≤ 6.5 mg/kg/day)	❑ Belimumab (SubQ) (200 mg/week)
❑ Cyclosporine (≤ 2.5 mg/kg/day)	❑ Belimumab (IV) (10 mg/kg/day)	

**AND**

- ❑ Member must have tried and failed Rituximab therapy at some point within progression of disease.

**\*\*NOTE:** Approval will be for a period of 8 weeks with a follow up current flare on Arthritis joints or Rash and high dose steroid unresponsiveness must be submitted.

**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.\**