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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 - INFANTILE SPASMS (IS)

PREFERRED	NON-PREFERRED
❑ **Purified Cortrophin™ Gel** (repository corticotropin)	❑ **HP Acthar® Gel** (repository corticotropin) ***Member must have tried and failed preferred Purified Cortrophin™ Gel and meet all applicable PA criteria below**

****Acthar Gel single-dose pre-filled SelfJect injector is for subcutaneous administration by adults only.****

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

Member Name: _____

Member Sentara #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Prescriber Name: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

NPI #: _____

DRUG INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Name/Form/Strength: _____

Dosing Schedule: _____ **Length of Therapy**: _____

Diagnosis: _____ **ICD Code, if applicable:** _____

Weight (if applicable): _____ **Date weight obtained:** _____

Note: (Neurology 2012;78:1974-1976) Class I study showed similar efficacy between low-dose (20-30 IU) and high dose (150 IU/m^2) natural ACTH. Low dose ACTH should be considered as an alternative to high dose ACTH for treatment of infantile spasms. (Level B).

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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- ❑ Prescriber **MUST** be a Neurologist
- ❑ Member **MUST** have a documented diagnosis of Infantile Spasms
- ❑ Approval will only be granted for a **MAXIMUM** of **30 days only** due to similar adverse effects of corticosteroids. After 2 weeks of treatment, dosing should be gradually tapered and discontinued over a 2-week period. The following is one **suggested** tapering schedule:
  - 30 U/m^2 in the morning for 3 days; 15 U/m^2 in the morning for 3 days; 10 U/m^2 in the morning for 3 days; and 10 U/m^2 every other morning for 6 days.
- ❑ Complete the regimen below **(repository corticotropin is supplied as 5 mL multi-dose vial containing 80 USP Units per mL):**

  Approval will be a MAXIMUM of 30 days only (combined inpatient and outpatient time period)

Initial Dose Schedule	**Approval at Outpatient pharmacy will be based on volume needed at discharge from hospital**	
75 U/m^2 **BID** x _____ days	TOTAL _____mL x _____ # days (max 29 days)	
Taper Dose Schedule		**BODY SURFACE AREA BSA**
30 U/m^2 **QD** x _____ days	_____ mL x ____ days	Weight: _____ kg
15 U/m^2 **QD** x _____ days	_____ mL x ____ days	Height/Length: _____ in.
10 U/m^2 **QD** x _____ days	_____ mL x ____ days	Calculated BSA: _____ m^2
10 U/m^2 **QOD** x _____ days	_____ mL x ____ days	

TOTAL Number of vials needed: _____ /days (max 29 days)

Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy – Proprium Rx

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.****