# COLORADO Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

#### SYNAGIS® INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet does not need to be faxed or submitted with the Prior Authorization Request (PAR) Form as it is intended to provide information only. Refer to the Synagis<sup>®</sup> 2025-2026 Provider Bulletin on the <u>Bulletins web page</u> for more information.

The 2025-2026 Synagis® (palivizumab) season will begin October 1, 2025, and end April 1, 2026. Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) will approve requests for a maximum of five (5) doses at a dosing interval of no fewer than 26 days between injections. Requests for doses exceeding the five (5) dose maximum or beyond the season end date will be **DENIED**. Providers should be aware that the Colorado Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season typically has a later onset (i.e., starts closer to the end of December) and should schedule their Synagis® doses accordingly. Area virology trend reporting is available on the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u> website.

Effective October 1, 2025, Health First Colorado will begin accepting PARs for Synagis®. All requests for Synagis® (palivizumab) require prior authorization. All requests for administration in the home should be submitted for payment through the pharmacy benefit, which must be submitted on the Health First Colorado Synagis® Pharmacy Benefit PAR Form located below. **No other forms will be accepted**. The form may be faxed to 1-800-424-5881. All Synagis® pharmacy benefit PARs must be signed by the prescribing physician, even if submitted by an agent of the prescriber. Pharmacy benefit PARs for office administration will be considered if the prescriber can attest to a documented home health service access issue for the member. **All other requests for administration in the provider's office or facility should be submitted through the ColoradoPAR Program. Visit the ColoradoPAR Program web page for information on how to a submit a medical PAR for Synagis®.** 

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is continuing use of coverage criteria based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) 2014 for RSV prophylactic therapy and the 2025 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and AAP Recommendations for nirsevimab. Per the AAP: "Evidence of these falling rates of RSV hospitalizations, along with new data about which children are at highest risk of RSV hospitalization, guided the AAP recommendation that palivizumab prophylaxis be limited to infants born before 29 weeks gestation, and to infants with certain chronic illnesses like congenital heart disease or chronic lung disease." The Department has reviewed the guidelines and evidence and agrees with the AAP statement. Synagis® is used to prevent serious lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV in pediatric members at high risk for RSV disease. Synagis® is administered by intramuscular injections at 15 milligrams (mg) per kilogram (kg) of body weight once a month during expected periods of RSV frequency in the community. Requests for Synagis® that do not meet the AAP indications listed on the Health First Colorado Synagis® Pharmacy Benefit PAR Form below will be **DENIED**. For additional clinical consideration after a pharmacy benefit denial, contact the Prime Therapeutics Pharmacy Call Center at 1-800-434-5725 to request an expanded (pharmacist) review. Members or providers may appeal Synagis® prior authorization denials through the normal appeals process.

### Dispensing and Prior Authorization of Synagis® Immune Globulin

• No more than one (1) 50-mg vial will be allowed per month through the pharmacy benefit. As an example, if 100 mg is needed, use a 100-mg vial and not two (2) 50-mg vials. The chart below provides details regarding the pharmacy coverage guidelines.

## **Dispensing Guide (For Pharmacy Administration Only)**

Weight	Dosage	Dispense Units
Up to 3.3 kg	Up to 49.5 mg	1 x 50-mg vial
3.4 kg to 6.6 kg	51 mg to 99 mg	1 x 100-mg vial
6.7 kg to 10 kg	100.5 mg to 150 mg	1 x 100-mg vial + 1 x 50-mg vial
10.1 kg to 13.3 kg	151.5 mg to 199.5 mg	2 x 100-mg vials
13.4 kg to 16.6 kg	201 mg to 249.5 mg	2 x 100-mg vials + 1 x 50-mg vial
16.7 kg to 20 kg	250.5 mg to 300 mg	3 x 100-mg vials

**Reminder:** The provider must retain copies of all documentation for six (6) years (10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.040.2).





# SYNAGIS® PHARMACY BENEFIT\* PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM

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# SYNAGIS® PHARMACY BENEFIT\* PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM

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**HEALTH FIRST COLORADO PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS** 

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