



## 2022-2023 RSV SEASON - Synagis®

November 17, 2022

Dear Care1st Providers and Staff:

Care1st has been closely monitoring Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) activity in Arizona and acknowledges we are experiencing an unprecedented RSV Season. Passive prophylactic immunization with Synagis® continues to be the standard of care for RSV in children most vulnerable to severe infection. To ensure patients who are at high risk for RSV infection receive appropriate care, ***we have removed the prior authorization requirements for Synagis for children under the age of two years old for this season.***

Prior authorization is still required for members two years and older. The Synagis® Prior Authorization Criteria/Clinical Policy for the 2022-2023 RSV season and the Care1st RSV (Synagis®) Prior Authorization Form can be found on the Care1st website [www.care1staz.com](http://www.care1staz.com) > For Provider > Pharmacy > RSV/Synagis Season. A maximum of 5 doses during the RSV season will be authorized. Care1st will continue to monitor RSV state trends throughout the year and will approve additional doses when medically necessary. Synagis® is available through a limited distribution network as established by the manufacturer. To obtain prior authorization:

- Submit your prior authorization (PA) requests electronically through our preferred solution CoverMyMeds OR complete the Care1st RSV (Synagis®) Prior Authorization Form and fax it to 602.778.8387 with progress notes. We will review and process your request as quickly as possible.
- For all counties serviced by Care1st, the following pharmacies are available to dispense Synagis® which will be shipped directly to the provider's office\* to be administered to the member. FAX the same RSV Enrollment Form to one of the specialty pharmacies below to initiate the prescription once the PA has been approved.
  - AcariaHealth (FAX: 1-877-252-2444) OR
  - CVS Specialty Pharmacies (FAX: 1-800-323-2445)  
\*if a member requires an alternate site of administration or in-home administration, please request Synagis from CVS Specialty who can help make arrangements for the member.

### Prior Authorization Form/ Prescription

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Medication Required: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ship to:  Physician  Patient's Home  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Providers should bill administration charges (CPT codes) for Synagis® directly to Care1st.

Please contact the *Care1st Pharmacy Department at 1.866.560.4042 (Options 5, 5)* if you have any questions.

***Thank you!***

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