Does Paramount have a Synagis Prior Authorization (PA) form? | Yes, Paramount has a Synagis form on our website at [www.paramounthealthcare.com](http://www.paramounthealthcare.com). Go to the Provider icon and select Prescription/Prescription Drug Benefits >> Prior Authorization & Step Therapy Policy >> Prior Authorization and Procedure Forms >> Medicaid Plans / Synagis. **Submit the completed form with relevant medical records to Paramount via fax at (866) 214-2024.**

Is authorization required to be in writing or can I request authorization over the phone? | Paramount prefers to have the information via the Synagis form and any additional medical records in writing. If you have questions about a Synagis PA, you may call the Pharmacy Nurse Specialists M-F 8:30am – 5pm at (800) 891-2520, Option #2, then Option #1. Our nurses will be able to assist you. [If your patient is in a region where Valence Health or QCP is handling Utilization Management, your call may be transferred.]

What is the appropriate billing code? | Use code **90378** for Synagis. Bill in units. 50mg is 1 unit and 100mg is 2 units. The appropriate NDC must be included on the claim.

Will the authorization also cover the home health care (HHC) administration? | Yes, the authorization will include the home health care needed to administer Synagis.

What home health agency can we use? | Please inform Paramount of the HHC agency you intend to use for Synagis administration. The agency should be one which has contracted to provide care to Paramount Advantage members. If the agency is not a participating provider with Paramount, we will attempt to facilitate a relationship with the agency; however, an alternative preferred provider may be necessary. Please put a Paramount provider ID number or the Providers Tax ID number on the form.

What is the turnaround time for an authorization? | The turnaround time is 24 hours for Advantage (and 3 business days for Commercial) members.

What if the season is extended? | By the end of March 2014, we will know if the season is extended. Keep us informed of which patients need an additional dose once that determination is made. Please remember that no member will be given more than 5 doses during the season and in some cases no more than 3 doses per the AAP Red Book 2012 guidelines.

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**Thank You for your continued service to our members.**

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