Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) would like to take this opportunity to provide information regarding the RSV Prophylaxis program.

- BCBSTX will review all requests for Synagis for BCBSTX members in Texas. The specific medical criteria for coverage may be found in our medical policy guideline (MGP RX504.009) which is available on-line at: http://www.bcbstx.com/provider/index.htm
- A predetermination/authorization of medical necessity expedites the claims process by reducing post payment audits, record requests, and/or medical necessity denials by determining before the services are rendered that the medical policy criteria are met.
- For out-of-state members you will need to contact the member’s Home Plan for eligibility and benefit information. The phone number will be on the back of the member’s ID card.
- If approved, the predetermination will cover all monthly injections for that patient for the 2005-2006 season beginning October 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006. No additional reviews will be required for the 2005-2006 RSV season.

BCBSTX Health Plan Predetermination/Authorization Process

- Complete the BCBSTX Synagis Request Form in its entirety.
- The Synagis Predetermination/Authorization form is available on the BCBSTX website at: http://www.bcbstx.com/provider/downloadable_forms.htm
- Fax the Synagis Request Form to Allan J. Chernov, M.D. (Medical Director, Health Care Quality & Policy) at (972) 766-5559.
- BCBSTX will notify you by mail of the review outcome.
- Please note that there will be no predetermination/authorization number provided for the Synagis. (If the patient needs a referral number to a specialty physician due to contract requirements, this referral number is not part of the Synagis Predetermination/Authorization procedure.)

Synagis Distribution Network

The manufacturer of Synagis, Medimmune, created a limited Network of national vendors for the 2005–2006 RSV season. The following chart lists the national vendors.

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<td>Accredo Health, Inc.</td>
<td>1-877-482-5927</td>
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<td>CuraScript Pharmacy, Inc.</td>
<td>1-888-773-7376</td>
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<td>PharmaCare</td>
<td>1-888-900-3232</td>
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BCBSTX selected Accredo as the preferred BCBSTX vendor for Synagis for the 2005 – 2006 RSV season. Accredo coordinates the delivery of each dose of Synagis with the physician’s office to ensure appropriate Synagis dosing for each patient. In addition, ordering Synagis through Accredo allows the physician’s office to avoid “buying and billing” for the medication.

Ordering Synagis from Accredo

- Fax the Synagis Request Form with the prescription section completed, along with written authorization from BCBSTX (approval letter) to Accredo at 1-877-369-3447
- Note if the request form is incomplete or does not have the BCBSTX written authorization attached, Accredo cannot process the order.
- Accredo will return the Synagis Request form to the physician.

If you obtain Synagis from a source other than Accredo, file the claim directly to BCBSTX. Payment of claims will depend on continued eligibility of the patient. Any co-pays, deductibles, and co-insurance will be the responsibility of the member.

Please address any additional questions such as fee schedules, preferred vendors, referrals, etc. with Provider Customer Service or your Professional Provider Network Representatives, as appropriate.