

## **FAQs: Synagis Prior Authorization Process for Lipa**

### **Can we use last year's form to submit PA requests for the 2011-2012 RSV season?**

No. The criteria have changed for 2011-2012. Therefore, the prior authorization form has been updated for the 2011-2012 season.

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### **Is it necessary to obtain separate authorizations for the medication, and the injections for reimbursement?**

No. It is only necessary to prior authorize the medication. Synagis administration is by injection only. Billing for Synagis injection (labor) is reimbursed at the same volume as the approved medication doses administered.

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### **Can additional dosing for more than five doses prior to 11/1/11 or after 3/31/12 be approved?**

LIPA medical management along with LIPA Medical Director monitors the RSV virology reports for Oregon-Washington for possible extension of RSV season beyond the usual season and dosing. As defined by CDC, the RSV national and regional season onset is the first instance of 2 consecutive weeks during which the median percentage of specimens testing positive for RSV antigen is  $\geq 10\%$ . The RSV season offset is the last of 2 consecutive weeks during which the median percentage of positive specimens is  $\geq 10\%$ . LIPA will send out notification if the season is extended.