

# OPTIMA HEALTH PLAN

## PHARMACY/MEDICAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST\*

**Directions:** The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request. All other information may be filled in by office staff; fax to 1-844-723-2094. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct.

**Drug Requested:**                    **Immune Globulin Intravenous (IVIG) -  
(Multifocal Motor Neuropathy - MMN)**

**DRUG INFORMATION:** Complete information below or authorization will be delayed.

**Circle J Code that applies:**     **J1459 / J1556 / J1561 / J1566 / J1568 / J1569 / J1572**

**Drug Form/Strength/Month:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dosing Schedule:** \_\_\_\_\_     **Length of Therapy:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_     **ICD Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dosing should be calculated using adjusted body weight if the patient's actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW).

(Adjusted body weight = IBW + 0.5 (actual body weight – IBW))

- IBW (kg) for males = 50 + [2.3 (height in inches – 60)]
- IBW (kg) for females = 45.5 + [2.3 x (height in inches – 60)]

It is recommended to attempt to decrease/wean the dose for renewal requests when improvement has occurred and subsequently stop IVIG therapy if improvement is sustained with a dose reduction (this does **NOT** apply to authorizations for primary immunodeficiency as long as immunoglobulin levels are maintained in the appropriate range.).

**\*Medical notes must be submitted to support each line checked on this request.\***

**CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS/CRITERIA:** Check **one** of the applicable diagnoses below. Boxes **MUST** be checked to qualify. If incomplete, authorization process will be delayed.

**Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN): initial trial 4 weeks: (Check one of the following):**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asymmetric weakness that affects distal muscles  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the patient have upper motor neuron signs?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Does the nerve conduction study confirm a demyelinating neuropathy is present ( <b>conduction block, slowing, or abnormal temporal dispersion in at least one nerve</b> )? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**OR**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> History and exam do not suggest upper motor neuron disease ( <b>no bulbar weakness, no upper motor neuron signs</b> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labs show that GM-1 antibody titers are elevated  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**OR**

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Electrodiagnostic testing clinical presentation suggests MMN but the diagnosis remains uncertain  Yes  No

**Continued use of Ig after initial trial for MMN when the following criteria are met:**

- Progress notes document an improvement in strength and function within three weeks of the start of the infusion period  Yes  No
- Continue need if during annual basis the dose was titrated or change in interval of therapy result in worsening of symptoms

**Medication being provided by (check applicable box below):**

Location/site of drug administration: \_\_\_\_\_  
NPI or DEA # of administering location: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Specialty Pharmacy - PropriumRx

**\*\*Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step edit/ preauthorization criteria.\*\***

**\*Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.\***

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Optima #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescriber Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DEA OR NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee: 4/15/2013  
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