

# OPTIMA HEALTH PLAN

## PHARMACY 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 1-800-750-9692. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. Incomplete form will delay authorization process.*

**Drug Requested:**                    **Oralair®**

*(Sweet Vernal, Orchard Perennial Rye, Timothy, and Kentucky Blue Grass Mixed Pollens Allergen Extract)*

**DRUG INFORMATION:** Complete information below. If incomplete, authorization process will be delayed.

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

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

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

- Grass pollen-mid May to July. **Oralair® indicated between ages of 10-65.**
- Only one (1) allergen immunotherapy product can be approved at a time (i.e., Oralair®, Ragwitek®, Grastek® or SQ allergy shots). The duration of the authorizations will be for a **6 month period in 3 consecutive years.**
- Authorizations **will NOT** be approved for 365 consecutive days in a year.

**CLINICAL CRITERIA:** **ALL** boxes **MUST** be checked to qualify. If **not** checked, authorization process will be delayed.

*Please send skin test or In vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies results to any of the five grass species (i.e., Sweet Vernal, Orchard, Perennial Rye, Timothy, and Kentucky Blue Grass meadow fescue, or Redtop).*

- Initiate treatment at least 4 months (16 weeks) before the expected onset of each grass pollen season and maintain it throughout the grass pollen season.

Has the patient tried and failed Grastek®?  Yes     No

Please give reason for contraindication: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis has been documented by one of the following:

Positive pollen specific Skin prick test for Pooideae subfamily

**OR**

Positive pollen-specific IgE antibodies for a grass in the Pooideae subfamily of grasses

Trial and Failure:

Patient has had **2 paid prescriptions** within the previous season for Intranasal Steroids (INS) and the **look back is 12 months.**

Oralair® may **not** be approved for the following:

Receiving concomitant therapy with other allergen immunotherapy products

History of severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma: (Claims documenting Xolair + med/high dose of an inhaled corticosteroid/Long acting beta agonist on file)

History of severe systemic allergic reaction (Claims documenting Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) medications, etc.)

History of eosinophilic esophagitis

Prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine

*(signature on next page)*

Medication being provided by a 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: 2/19/2015

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