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Prior Authorization

Aetna Better Health of Illinois (Medicaid)

Epogen-Procrit

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Complete/review information, sign and date. Fax signed forms to Aetna Better Health of Illinois at 1-855-684-5250.
Please contact Aetna Better Health of Illinois at 1-866-212-2851 with questions regarding the prior authorization process.
When conditions are met, we will authorize the coverage of Epogen-Procrit.
Please note that all authorization requests will be reviewed as the AB rated generic (when available) unless states otherwise.

Drug Name (select from list of drugs shown)

Epogen (epoetin alfa) Procrit (epoetin alfa)

Quantity _____ Frequency _____ Strength _____

Route of Administration _____ Expected Length of therapy _____

Patient Information

Patient Name: _____
Patient ID: _____
Patient Group No.: _____
Patient DOB: _____
Patient Phone: _____

Prescribing Physician

Physician Name: _____
Physician Phone: _____
Physician Fax: _____
Physician Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

Diagnosis:_____ **ICD Code:**_____

Please circle the appropriate answer for each question.

1. Has Aetna Better Health authorized this medication in the past for this patient (i.e., previous authorization is on file under Aetna Better Health)? Y N

   [If no, skip to question 3.]

2. Does the patient meet both of the following? Please document hemoglobin and results of iron studies including date drawn: _____ Y N

   Hemoglobin less than 11 g/dL within the last 2 weeks \
   Patient has adequate iron stores to support erythropoiesis (e.g., serum ferritin greater than 100ng/mL, transferrin saturation greater than 20%)

   [No further questions]

3. Is Epogen/Procrit therapy requested for a neonate? Y N

   [If yes, no further questions.]

4. Does the patient have adequate iron stores to support erythropoiesis (e.g., serum ferritin greater than 100ng/mL, transferrin saturation greater than 20%)? Please indicate Iron Studies obtained, results, and date drawn: _____ Y N

   [If no, no further questions]

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to chronic kidney disease? Y N

   [If no, skip to question 9.]

6. Does the patient have a hemoglobin less than 10 g/dL within 2 weeks prior to initiating therapy? Please document hemoglobin and date drawn:_____ Y N

   [If no, no further questions.]

7. Is the patient receiving dialysis treatments? Y N

   [If no, no further questions.]

8. Is the patient enrolled in Medicare Part B? Y N

9. Is therapy requested for the treatment of anemia in a cancer patient? Y N

   [If no, skip to question 12.]

10. Is the patient CURRENTLY RECEIVING chemotherapy? Y N
    [If no, no further questions.]

11. Does the patient meet all of the following conditions for approval? Please document hemoglobin and date drawn:_____ Y N

    Hemoglobin less than 10 g/dL within the 2 weeks prior to starting therapy \ Documentation to support anemia is due to concomitant myelosuppressive chemotherapy \ Diagnosis of non-myeloid malignancy (e.g., solid tumor) \ Upon initiation of therapy, there is documentation to support a minimum of two additional months of planned chemotherapy

    [No further questions.]

12. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to treatment of hepatitis C (i.e. use of pegylated interferon and ribavirin)? Y N

    [If no, skip to question 16.]

13. Did the patient have a hemoglobin level between 8.5 to 10 g/dL within the last 2 weeks? Please document hemoglobin and date drawn:_____ Y N

    [If no, no further questions.]

14. Does the patient meet any of the following (high-risk group): Please indicate which of the below apply to patient:_____ Y N

    Cirrhosis \ Liver transplant \ HIV co-infection

    [If yes, no further questions.]

15. Has the patient responded to a ribavirin dosage adjustment? Please document the reduced dose and duration of dosage reduction: Y N

    [No further questions.]

16. Will the patient be undergoing elective, noncardiac, nonvascular surgery and Epogen/Procrit is requested to reduce the need for allogeneic RBC transfusions in a patient who is at high risk for perioperative blood loss? Y N

    [If no, skip to question 18.]

17. Does the patient have a hemoglobin level greater than 10 and less than or equal to 13 g/dL within 30 days prior to the planned surgery date? Please document hemoglobin and date drawn:_____ Y N

[No further questions.]

18. Is therapy requested for the treatment of anemia in an HIV-infected patient? Y N

[If no, skip to question 21.]

19. Is the patient receiving treatment with zidovudine at a dose less than or equal to 4200 mg/week? Y N

[If no, no further questions.]

20. Does the patient meet both of the following? Please provide erythropoietin and hemoglobin levels and dates drawn:_____ Y N

Endogenous erythropoietin levels less than or equal to 500 mUnits/mL. \ Hemoglobin less than 10 g/dL within the last two weeks.

[No further questions.]

21. Is therapy requested for the treatment of anemia associated with myelodysplastic syndrome? Y N

[If no, no further questions.]

22. Does the patient meet all of the following conditions for approval? Please document erythropoietin and hemoglobin levels and dates drawn:_____ Y N

Hemoglobin less than 10 g/dL within 2 weeks prior to initiating therapy \ Recent erythropoietin level less than 500mU/ml

Comments:

I affirm that the information given on this form is true and accurate as of this date.

Prescriber (Or Authorized) Signature **Date**