

Member Name: _____ Member ID: _____ Member DOB: _____
Drug Name: _____ Strength: _____ Directions: _____
Physician Name: _____ Physician Phone #: _____ Specialty: _____
Physician Fax #: _____ Pharmacy Name: _____ Pharmacy Phone: _____

Horizon NJ Health
Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents – Medical Necessity Request
****Please complete page 1 and 2 for New/Initial Requests****

Clinical Values

***Please submit laboratory documentation for hemoglobin taken within the past 60 days.**

Current weight: _____ lbs or kg

Hemoglobin: _____ g/dL Date taken: _____

Transferrin Saturation (TSAT): _____ %

Ferritin level: _____ ng/mL

Contraindication Information

Does the member have uncontrolled hypertension? **Yes or No**

Has the member had pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) that begins after treatment with an erythropoietin protein drug such as Procrit, Epogen, Retacrit, Aranesp or Mircera? **Yes or No**

Is the member pregnant or nursing? **Yes or No**

1. Does the member have Anemia? **Yes or No**
- If no, what is the drug being used for? _____
2. Have other causes of anemia been excluded (e.g. GI bleeding, iron or folate deficiency, hemolysis)? **Yes or No**
3. Is the member currently on iron therapy? **Yes or No**
4. Is the member receiving more than one erythropoietin agent? **Yes or No**

Please select the cause of anemia and answer related questions.

- Chronic Kidney Disease/End-Stage Renal Disease
 - Will the member be receiving dialysis? **Yes or No** If No, answer the following questions.
 - Is the goal of using this medication to reduce the risk of alloimmunization and/or other red blood cell transfusion-related risks? **Yes or No**
 - Does the member have a rate of hemoglobin decline which would indicate the likelihood of requiring a red blood cell transfusion? **Yes or No**
 - **For Mircera requests:** Is the member converting from another erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA) after their hemoglobin level was stabilized with and ESA?
 - Yes** - What was the previous ESA dose? _____
 - For members less than 18 years old, is the member receiving hemodialysis? **Yes or No**
 - No**
- HIV
 - Is member currently receiving AZT (Zidovudine)? **Yes or No**
 - If yes, please provide the dose that member is receiving _____
 - What is the member's serum erythropoietin level in mUnits/mL? _____
- Cancer/Chemotherapy
 - What type of cancer does the member have? _____
 - What chemotherapy is the member receiving? _____
 - How many month of chemotherapy are planned? _____
 - Is the anticipated outcome of the chemotherapy cure? **Yes or No**
- Upcoming Surgery
 - Is there a high risk for perioperative transfusions with significant anticipated blood loss? **Yes or No**
 - Would the drug reduce the need for an allogenic blood transfusion (from another person)? **Yes or No**
 - Is the member scheduled to undergo elective, non-cardiac, non-vascular surgery? **Yes or No**

Physician office's signature* _____ Print Name _____

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Hepatitis C

- Is the member being treated with ribavirin and interferon/PEG interferon? **Yes or No**
- What date will the member complete therapy with ribavirin and interferon/PEG interferon? _____

Rheumatoid Arthritis/Rheumatic Disease

Myelodysplastic syndrome

- What is the member's serum erythropoietin level in mUnits/mL? _____
- Does the member have a lower-risk disease (i.e., defined as IPSS [Very Low, Low, Intermediate, Low/Intermediate])? **Yes or No**
- Is the anemia symptomatic? **Yes or No**
- Does the member have del(5q)? **Yes or No**
- Are sideroblasts greater than or equal to 15%? **Yes or No**
- Is the medication being used together with a G-CSF (drugs such as Neupogen, Neulasta, Zarxio, etc.)? **Yes or No**

Myelofibrosis

- What is the member's serum erythropoietin level in mUnits/mL? _____

Anemia of Prematurity

- Will the requested medication be used in combination with iron supplements? **Yes or No**

Other: _____

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****Complete this page ONLY for Subsequent (Renewal) requests or for dosage changes****

General Information

***Please submit laboratory documentation for hemoglobin taken within the past 60 days and TSAT/Ferritin levels within the past 3 months.**

Hemoglobin: _____ g/dL. Date taken: _____ Current Weight: _____ lbs or kg
Transferrin Saturation (TSAT): _____ % Date taken: _____ Ferritin level: _____ ng/mL Date taken: _____
Previous Dose: _____ New Dose: _____

1. Is the member currently on iron therapy? **Yes or No**
2. Has the member responded to this medication by having an increase in hemoglobin levels? **Yes or No**
3. Has the member responded to this medication by having a decrease in the duration or number of transfusions? **Yes or No**
4. Is the member receiving more than one erythropoietin agent? **Yes or No**

Please select the cause of anemia and answer related questions.

- Chronic Kidney Disease/End-Stage Renal Disease
- Will the member be receiving dialysis? **Yes or No**
- HIV
- Is member currently receiving AZT (Zidovudine)? **Yes or No**
- If yes, please provide the dose that member is receiving _____
- Cancer/Chemotherapy
- Is the member currently receiving chemotherapy? **Yes or No**
- If yes, what chemotherapy regimen? (Please include all the drugs and how often they are being given)

- Is the anticipated outcome of the chemotherapy cure? **Yes or No**
- Hepatitis C
- Is the member being treated with ribavirin and interferon/PEG interferon? **Yes or No**
- What date will the member complete therapy with ribavirin and interferon/PEG interferon? _____
- Rheumatoid Arthritis/Rheumatic Disease
- Myelodysplastic syndrome
- Myelofibrosis
- Anemia of Prematurity
- Will the requested medication be used in combination with iron supplements? **Yes or No**
- Upcoming/Recent Surgery
- Is the member at high-risk for blood loss from surgery? **Yes or No**
- Would the drug reduce the need for an allogenic blood transfusion (from another person)? **Yes or No**
- Other: _____

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