pasireotide pamoate (Signifor LAR)

Commercial Medical Benefit Drug Policy

Place of Service

Office Administration
Home Infusion Administration
Outpatient Facility Infusion Administration
Infusion Center Administration

Drug Details

USP Category: HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (ADRENAL OR PITUITARY)
Mechanism of Action: pasireotide is a synthetic analog of somatostatin which binds to somatostatin receptors resulting in inhibition of ACTH secretion and a resultant decrease in cortisol secretion
HCPCS:
J2502:Injection, pasireotide long acting, 1 mg
How Supplied:
10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, and 60 mg (single-use, powder in a vial to be reconstituted with the provided 2 mL diluent)

Condition(s) listed in policy *(see coverage criteria for details)*

- Acromegaly
- Cushing's Disease

Any condition not listed in this policy requires a review to confirm it is medically necessary. For conditions that have not been approved for intended use by the Food and Drug Administration (i.e., off-label use), the criteria outlined in the Health and Safety Code section 1367.21 must be met.

Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) to ensure the member has met all medical necessity requirements.

The member's specific benefit may impact drug coverage. Other utilization management processes, and/or legal restrictions may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

For billing purposes, drugs must be submitted with the drug's assigned HCPCS code (as listed in the drug policy) and the corresponding NDC (national drug code). An unlisted, unspecified, or miscellaneous code should not be used if there is a specific code assigned to the drug.

Signifor LAR given as an intramuscular injection is managed under the Medical Benefit. Please submit clinical information for prior authorization review.

Coverage Criteria
The following condition(s) require Prior Authorization/Preservice.

Acromegaly
Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:
1. Being prescribed by an endocrinologist

Covered Doses:
Up to 60 mg intramuscularly every 4 weeks

Coverage Period:
Yearly, based on continued response to therapy

ICD-10:
E22.0, E34.4

Cushing's Disease
Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:
1. Patient cannot undergo pituitary surgery or pituitary surgery has not been curative

Covered Doses:
Up to 40 mg intramuscularly every 4 weeks

Coverage Period:
Yearly, based on continued response to therapy

ICD-10:
E24.0, E24.3, E24.8, E24.9

References

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