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## IHCP to resume RSV season limits for palivizumab PA requests

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimplement previously established respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season parameters for palivizumab (Synagis) prior authorization (PA), effective for claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after April 1, 2022.

Statewide virology data illustrate a substantial decline in the number of positive RSV test results over the past month. The decline in RSV positive cases mirrors previous Indiana RSV seasons. In late spring of 2021, statewide data showed an unusual pattern of RSV positive cases, resulting in a temporary suspension of seasonal limits within palivizumab PA criteria. For information on RSV coverage outside the established season, see *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202153](#).

The IHCP will continue to monitor statewide virology data. Unless these data demonstrate unusual occurrences of RSV positive cases after March 31, 2022, the IHCP will resume the previously established seasonal limits from Nov. 1 to March 31. For members meeting palivizumab PA criteria requirements, providers may begin requesting PA for palivizumab on or after Oct. 1, 2022, for claim submissions with DOS on or after Nov. 1, 2022.

For members in fee-for-service (FFS) programs, providers can find the Synagis PA Criteria and the Synagis PA Form on the OptumRx website accessible via the [Pharmacy Services](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers). Questions should be directed to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 855-577-6317.

Questions about benefits and PA for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect or Hoosier Healthwise programs should be directed to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled. Providers can access pharmacy benefit websites for the MCEs via the [Pharmacy Services](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers).



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