



Pharmacy Policy and Formulary Update Effective December 1, 2009

New Fax Phone Numbers for Medication Prior Authorizations

Effective **December 1, 2009**, please use the following fax numbers when submitting prior authorization requests for medications:

For members in a Commercial product: (800) 376-6373
For members in a Medicare product: (800) 401-0915

On and after Dec. 1st, you can obtain updated forms at
<https://www.mvphealthcare.com/provider/ny/forms.html>.

Prior Authorization Administered by the Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy Department currently administers prior authorization for Synagis[®], Immunoglobulin Therapy, Pulmonary Hypertension medications (including Flolan[®], Ventavis[®] and Remodulin[®]), non-oral antibiotics (i.e. Rocephin[®]) when used to treat Lyme Disease and medications used to treat infertility.

Fax requests to the number found on the pharmacy prior authorization form(s) available online at <https://www.mvphealthcare.com/provider/ny/forms.html>.

Immunoglobulin Therapy

Effective Dec. 1, 2009, Immunoglobulin therapy will be required to be administered in the home setting, with the exception of the first dose, which may be administered in a supervised setting. Medical necessity for administering Immunoglobulin in places of service other than the home setting must be documented in the medical record.

Medicare, MVP Option, MVP Option Family, and MVP Option Child members are *not* required to receive their infusions in the home setting.

Prior authorization requests should be faxed to the Pharmacy Department. For additional information, refer to the Immunoglobulin Therapy policy.

H1N1 Vaccine

Limited doses of the H1N1 vaccine are currently available. Complete recommendations as to who should receive the vaccine are available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/professional.htm>.

The NYSDOH, in coordination with county health departments, will manage the allocation and distribution of the vaccine in New York state (outside of New York City). In order to receive the 2009 influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine, providers must register with NYSDOH. The information you provide will assist in the statewide allocation of the H1N1 vaccine, taking into consideration the targeted population groups to receive the initial doses. For registration information, visit www.mvphealthcare.com/providers. Select "Important Information on How to Obtain H1N1 Vaccine."

To find out how your state (outside of New York) is distributing the vaccine, check the CDC 2009 H1N1 Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/statecontacts.htm> or <http://tinyurl.com/ygg44gv> or contact your state or local public health departments.

Billing information for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine is as follows:

G9141	Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family).
90470	H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed.

Since the federal government is supplying the H1N1 vaccine to providers at no cost, MVP will only reimburse for the administration of the vaccine using codes 90470 or G9141.

No coverage will be provided for the following codes:

G9142	Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration
90663	Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1
