

2016-2017 Synagis Season is approaching and statistics indicate RSV appears earlier in some counties and remains active in others. Based on this information, the administration of Synagis injections for El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. will begin November 15, 2016 and terminate March 31, 2017. Prior authorization requests may be submitted 10 days prior to start date.

STAR and CHIP Members: Navitus, El Paso First's pharmacy benefit manager, is processing all Synagis prior authorization requests for Medicaid and CHIP members enrolled with the health plan. Synagis is only dispensed through the pharmacies listed below.

Maxor Specialty
216 South Polk Street
Amarillo, TX 79101
Synagis Phone # 866.629.6779
Synagis Fax # 866.217.8034

Avella Specialty Pharmacy 3016 Guadalupe St Ste. A Austin, TX 78705 Synagis Phone # 877.470.7608 Synagis Fax # 877.480.1746

Prior Authorization Process through Navitus is as follows:

- 1. Prior authorization form can be found on the Navitus website at https://www.navitus.com/texas-medicaid-star-chip/synagis.aspx
- 2. Physician faxes the "Navitus Palivizumab (Synagis) Prior Authorization Request Form" <u>directly to selected pharmacy</u>.
 - a. Maxor Specialty Fax # 866.217.8034
 - b. Avella Specialty Fax # 877.480-1746
- 3. Pharmacy will forward completed Prior Authorization Request Form to Navitus for final approval
- 4. Pharmacy coordinates Synagis delivery with the physician's office.
- Physician administers Synagis and bills El Paso First for the administration. (El Paso First does not require prior authorization for the administration of the Synagis injection for Medicaid and CHIP members)

For additional information concerning Synagis administration for STAR and CHIP Members, please call Navitus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-877-908-6023.

El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. appreciates your dedication to our members.