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Dear Provider,

For the 2017/18 season, The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) will no longer have a sole preferred specialty pharmacy vendor for Synagis® (palivizumab). Any pharmacy that is part of the Vermont Medicaid specialty pharmacy network will be authorized to dispense. A current list of DVHA-enrolled specialty pharmacies can be found at <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/1dvha-enrolled-specialty-pharmacies.pdf>. **Prior authorization/order forms should be sent directly to Change Healthcare at 844-679-5366.** A notice of determination (or request for additional information, if applicable) will be returned to your office within 24 hours of receipt of the PA. Approvals will be forwarded by Change Healthcare to the specialty pharmacy, and they will reach out to you and/or the family to coordinate medication delivery. **Referrals for nursing services must be requested directly through the home health agency.**

DVHA clinical criteria for Synagis® states that monthly doses may be approved for administration to qualifying members during the period beginning December 1st and ending on April 30th, although RSV activity will be monitored and the approval for Synagis® adjusted if RSV activity falls to non-seasonal levels sooner. Providers would be notified if this should occur.

The clinical benefit of Synagis® therapy is best realized by timing the administration to coincide with the peak of RSV activity. DVHA has chosen the timeframe of Synagis® administration in Vermont to align with the historic timing of RSV activity to allow protection when it is most likely to be of benefit.

A copy of the DVHA clinical criteria for Synagis® and prior authorization / order forms are enclosed for your use. You may reproduce these by photocopy. The order form can also be accessed for printing on the Department of Vermont Health Access website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/pharmacy-prior-authorization-request-forms>.

Thank you for your continued support of DVHA clinical pharmacy programs. Please call the Provider Help Desk at 844-679-5363 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Director of Pharmacy Services