TIPS FOR ENROLLMENTS, PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS, AND APPEALS: ANSWERING KEY QUESTIONS

Every insurance plan is different. If your documentation answers the questions below, you will have provided the information that most plans request in completing a patient’s enrollment paperwork, including prior authorizations, appeals, and formulary exceptions. There are no right or wrong answers. Coverage determinations are individualized and based upon the patient’s clinical history, relevant testing, and your independent medical evaluation of the patient.

Actelion is happy to provide general information about plan-specific policies and coverage criteria. Contact your Actelion Therapy Access Manager for further assistance.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR COVERAGE DETERMINATION:

- What is the patient’s diagnosis?
- Does the patient have comorbidities?
- What is the patient’s WHO Group?
- What is the patient’s WHO Functional Class?
- What diagnostic tests have been performed to confirm this diagnosis?
  - Was a right-heart catheterization (RHC) test performed? If not, why?
  - Was vasoreactivity testing performed?
  - Has the patient had recent lab tests (HGB/HCT, LFTs, BNP, pregnancy test)?
- What are the patient’s clinical symptoms?
- Which pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) therapies are currently being prescribed?
  - Phosphodiesterase type-5 (PDE-5) medicines/soluble guanylate cyclase stimulators (sGCs)
  - Endothelin receptor antagonists (ERAs)
  - Prostacyclin class therapies
  - Conventional therapies
- How is the patient responding to current therapies?
- Has the patient’s clinical status changed?
- Is patient currently hospitalized? If recently discharged, list discharge date
- Which PAH therapies have been tried and failed? Does the patient have any contraindication to preferred formulary medications?
- What is the clinical rationale for not choosing other PAH therapies on the formulary?
- What is the clinical rationale for the change in the patient’s treatment plan?
- What is the clinical rationale for choosing the requested therapy?