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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPENSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR PRESCRIPTIONS:**

**INTRON® A Powder for Injection (Single-dose)** [Costco \$322 or 32.20 a unit]

INTRON A Powder for Injection, 10 million IU per vial and Diluent for INTRON A (Sterile Water for Injection USP) 1 mL per vial; 10 MIU/mL, boxes containing 1 INTRON A vial and 1 vial of INTRON A Diluent (NDC 0085-0571-02).

If more than 1 vial is dispensed, Dispense \_\_\_\_ Vials

**INTRON A Solution for Injection in Vials (Multi-dose)** [Costco \$437 or 24.27 unit]

INTRON A Solution for Injection, 18 million IU multidose vial, 6 MIU/mL (22.8 million IU per 3.8 mL per vial); boxes containing 1 vial of INTRON A Solution for Injection (NDC 0085-1168-01).

INTRON A Solution for Injection, 25 million IU multidose vial, 10 MIU/mL (32 million IU per 3.2 mL per vial); boxes containing 1 vial of INTRON A Solution for Injection (NDC 0085-1133-01).  
Dispense with 15 Tuberculin syringe with permanently attached needles

Treatment Protocol: The recommended dose is 1.0 million IU per lesion in a maximum of 5 lesions in a single course. The lesions should be injected two or three times weekly on alternate days for 3 to 4 weeks. An additional course may be administered at 12 to 16 weeks.

**Dosage:** 1 to 5 MIU per treatment (1.0 million IU per lesion in a maximum of 5 lesions in a single treatment) for a maximum of 9 treatments or 45 MIU.

**Directions:** For the intralesional treatment of refractory or recurring external condylomata acuminata (ICD10 Diagnosis Code A63.0), as directed by physician. Administered every other day, two to three times weekly. May repeat therapy in 12-16 weeks, as needed.

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**LOCATIONS**

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## **Intron A** INTERFERON ALFA-2b

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If you must pay cash or credit for your medication, be sure to get a receipt.

- With a “written denial of your claim” and a “receipt”, our billing office can help you get your medical insurance company to pay your claim (unless of course INTERFERON ALFA-2b it is specifically excluded as a benefit under your policy).
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## **SIDE EFFECTS THAT USUALLY DO NOT NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION**

Some side effects of interferon alfa-2b may occur that usually do not need medical attention. These side effects may go away during treatment as your body adjusts to the medicine.

### ***More Common***

- Acid or sour stomach
- bleeding gums
- blistering, crusting, irritation, itching, or reddening of the skin
- body aches or pain
- burning, crawling, itching, [numbness](#), prickling, "pins and needles", or tingling feelings
- change in taste, or bad, unusual, or unpleasant (after) taste
- cracked, dry, or scaly skin
- [hair loss](#) or thinning of the hair
- irritation in the mouth
- joint pain
- lack or loss of strength
- loss of memory
- muscle or bone pain
- pain or tenderness around the eyes and cheekbones
- poor concentration
- problems with memory
- redness and swelling of the gums
- stuffy or [runny nose](#)
- swollen joints

### ***Less Common***

- Abnormal ejaculation
- absent, missed, or irregular menstrual periods
- bleeding, burning, inflammation, itching, or pain at the injection site
- bone deformity
- burning, itching, and pain in the hairy areas, pus at the root of the hair
- burning, numbness, pain, or tingling in all fingers except smallest finger
- cold and clammy skin
- decrease in height
- decreased interest in sexual intercourse
- degenerative disease of the joint
- difficulty with moving or walking
- discoloration of the skin
- inability to have or keep an erection
- increased clear or white [vaginal discharge](#)
- increased sensitivity of the skin to sunlight
- itching or pain of the genital area
- leg cramps
- longer menstrual periods
- loss in sexual ability, desire, drive, or performance
- multiple swollen and inflamed skin lesions
- pain in the ankles or knees
- pain in the ribs
- pain, inflammation, or swelling in the calves, shoulders, or hands
- painful, red lumps under the skin, mostly on the legs
- [pelvic pain](#)
- rash with flat lesions or small raised lesions on the skin
- red or irritated eyes
- redness or swelling in the arms or legs
- redness, tenderness, itching, burning, or peeling of the skin
- severe sunburn
- shivering
- [skin rash](#), encrusted, scaly, and oozing small lumps under the skin
- small lumps under the skin
- soreness of the muscles
- stopping of menstrual bleeding
- swelling or redness in the joints
- tanning or blue-gray discoloration of the skin
- tearing of the eyes
- underactive reflexes
- unexpected menstrual bleeding

## SIDE EFFECTS THAT NEED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION

Although not all these side effects may occur, if they do occur they may need medical attention.

### *More Common*

- [Depression](#)
- difficult or labored breathing
- swelling or puffiness of the face
- tightness in the chest
- [weight loss](#)

### *Less Common*

- Back, leg, or stomach pains
- bleeding, tender, or enlarged gums
- bloody, black, or tarry stools
- bloody nose
- bloody or cloudy urine
- blurred vision
- change in personality
- changes in behavior
- chest pain, discomfort, or heaviness
- chills
- clay-colored stools
- confusion as to time, place, or person
- [constipation](#)
- cough producing mucus
- coughing or spitting up blood
- dark urine
- decreased urination
- [diarrhea](#)
- difficult or painful urination
- [dizziness](#), faintness, or lightheadedness when getting up suddenly from a lying or sitting position
- drowsiness
- fainting
- fast, slow, pounding, irregular, or racing heartbeat or pulse
- feeling, seeing, or hearing things that are not there
- feeling that others are watching you or controlling your behavior
- feeling that others can hear your thoughts
- fever
- hallucinations
- [headache](#)
- [hearing loss](#)
- heavier menstrual periods
- [hives](#) or rash
- hoarseness or husky voice
- inability to speak
- increased thirst
- increased urination
- [indigestion](#)
- irritability
- itching, pain, redness, or swelling of the skin
- light-colored stools
- lightheadedness
- loss of appetite
- loss of consciousness
- loss of hearing
- lower back or side pain
- metallic taste
- muscle aches or cramps
- [nausea](#) or [vomiting](#)
- pale skin
- passing of gas
- pinpoint red spots on the skin
- [seizures](#)
- severe mood or mental changes
- severe stomach pain with [nausea and vomiting](#)
- slow speech
- sneezing
- sores, ulcers, or white spots on the lips or tongue or inside the mouth
- stiffness of the limbs
- stomach cramps, tenderness, or discomfort
- stomach pain, continuing
- [stomach upset](#)
- sweating
- swelling around the eyes
- swelling of the face, fingers, hands, ankles, feet, or lower legs
- swollen, painful, or tender lymph glands in the neck, armpit, or groin
- thoughts of hurting or killing oneself
- trouble sleeping
- unusual behavior
- unusual bleeding or bruising
- unusual tiredness or weakness
- weight gain
- yellowing of the eyes or skin

## **SEE YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER WHEN BEGINNING INTERFERON ALFA-2B THERAPY**

*And bring him or her this guide*

**Patients should be monitored closely with periodic clinical and laboratory evaluations by their PCP. Patients with persistently severe or worsening signs or symptoms of these conditions should be withdrawn from therapy. In many but not all cases, these disorders resolve after stopping interferon alfa-2b therapy.**

The following laboratory tests are recommended for all patients on INTRON A therapy, prior to beginning treatment and then periodically thereafter:

- Mild-to-moderate leukopenia and elevated serum liver enzyme (AST, a.k.a. SGOT) levels have been reported with intralesional administration of INTRON A; therefore, the monitoring of these laboratory parameters should be considered paramount.
  - Standard hematologic tests — including hemoglobin, complete and differential white blood cell counts, and platelet count.
  - Blood chemistries — electrolytes, liver function tests, and TSH.
  - Monitor hepatic function with serum bilirubin, ALT (alanine transaminase), AST (aspartate aminotransferase), alkaline phosphatase, and LDH (lactate dehydrogenase) at 2, 8 and 12 weeks following initiation of INTRON A, then every 6 months while receiving INTRON A.
  - Baseline chest X-rays have been suggested and should be repeated if clinically indicated.
  - Those patients who have preexisting cardiac abnormalities and/or are in advanced stages of cancer should have electrocardiograms taken prior to and during the course of treatment.
  - Permanently discontinue INTRON A for evidence of severe (Grade 3) hepatic injury or hepatic decompensation (Child-Pugh score >6 [class B and C]).
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- Serious eye problems. Interferon alfa-2b may cause eye problems that may lead to vision loss or blindness. You should have an eye exam before you start taking interferon alfa-2b. If you have eye problems or have had them in the past, you may need eye exams while taking interferon alfa-2b. Tell your healthcare provider or eye doctor right away if you have any vision changes while taking interferon alfa-2b.
  - Thyroid problems. Some people develop changes in the function of their thyroid. Symptoms of thyroid problems include: problems concentrating, feeling cold or hot all the time, changes in your weight, skin changes
  - Blood sugar problems. Some people may develop high blood sugar or diabetes. If you have high blood sugar or diabetes before starting interferon alfa-2b, talk to your healthcare provider before you take interferon alfa-2b.
  - Mental health problems and suicide. Interferon alfa-2b may cause you to develop mood or behavior problems that may get worse during treatment.
  - Infections. Some people who take interferon alfa-2b may get an infection.
  - Heart problems. Some people who take interferon alfa-2b may develop heart problems, including, low blood pressure, fast heart rate or abnormal heart beats, trouble breathing or chest pain, heart attacks or heart muscle problems (cardiomyopathy).
  - Stroke or symptoms of a stroke. Symptoms may include weakness, loss of coordination, and numbness. Stroke or symptoms of a stroke may happen in people who have some risk factors or no known risk factors for a stroke.
  - New or worsening autoimmune disease. Some people taking interferon alfa-2b develop autoimmune diseases (a condition where the body's immune cells attack other cells or organs in the body), including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, sarcoidosis, and psoriasis. In some people who already have an autoimmune disease, the disease may get worse while on interferon alfa-2b.
  - You may need to have a chest X-ray or other tests if you develop fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of a lung problem during treatment with interferon alfa-2b.

**Contraindications:** (continued)

**Known Drug Interactions/Contraindications:**

- telbivudine;
- theophylline; or
- zidovudine.

**You should not use the combination of interferon alfa-2b and ribavirin if you have:**

- severe kidney disease;
- a blood cell disorder such as thalassemia or sickle cell anemia;
- an allergy to interferons or ribavirin;
- if you are pregnant; or
- if you are a man and your sexual partner is pregnant.

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Visit [go.covermymeds.com/OptumRx](http://go.covermymeds.com/OptumRx) to begin using this free service.

Please note: All information below is required to process this request.

Mon-Fri: 5am to 10pm Pacific / Sat: 6am to 3pm Pacific

## Intron A<sup>®</sup> Prior Authorization Request Form (Page 1 of 2)

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Member Information <small>(required)</small>			Provider Information <small>(required)</small>		
Member Name:			Provider Name:		
Insurance ID#:			NPI#:		Specialty:
Date of Birth:			Office Phone:		
Street Address:			Office Fax:		
City:	State:	Zip:	Office Street Address:		
Phone:			City:	State:	Zip:

Medication Information <small>(required)</small>			
Medication Name:		Strength:	Dosage Form:
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting brand		Directions for Use:	

### Clinical Information (required)

Your patient's pharmacy benefit program is administered by UnitedHealthcare, which uses OptumRx for certain pharmacy benefit services. Your patient's benefit plan requires that we review certain requests for coverage with the prescribing physician. This includes requests for benefit coverage beyond plan specifications. Please complete the following questions and then fax this form to the toll free number listed below. Upon receipt of the completed form, prescription benefit coverage will be determined based on the benefit plan's rules.

**Continuation of Therapy:<sup>\*</sup>**

Is this request for continuation of therapy?  Yes  No

Will medical records be submitted documenting any of the information below?  Yes  No

Has the member been on the requested medication in the last 180 days or is currently stabilized?  Yes  No

Has the requested medication been safe and effective in treating the member's medical condition?  Yes  No

Has the member tried another prescription drug in the same pharmacological class or same mechanism of action?  Yes  No

Were prior medications discontinued due to a lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event?  Yes  No

**Select the diagnosis below:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis B infection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic hepatitis C infection<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma<br><input type="checkbox"/> AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma<br><input type="checkbox"/> Condylomata acuminata (genital or perianal)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Desmoid tumors/aggressive fibromatosis<br><input type="checkbox"/> Follicular lymphoma<br><input type="checkbox"/> Giant cell tumor of the bone<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy cell leukemia<br><input type="checkbox"/> Kidney cancer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Leptomeningeal metastases<br><input type="checkbox"/> Malignant melanoma<br><input type="checkbox"/> Meningiomas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mycosis fungoides/ Sezary syndrome<br><input type="checkbox"/> Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs): Essential thrombocythemia (ET), polycythemia vera (PV), or primary myelofibrosis (PM)<br><input type="checkbox"/> ICD-10 code(s): _____ |
|--|---|

**Chronic Hepatitis B Infection:**

Does the member have decompensated liver disease (defined as Child-Pugh Class B or C)?  Yes  No

**Chronic Hepatitis C Infection:**

Does the member have decompensated liver disease (defined as Child-Pugh Class B or C)?  Yes  No

Will Intron A be used as a part of a combination antiviral treatment regimen?  Yes  No

**Prescriber Attestation:**

Does the prescriber attest that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and understand that United Healthcare may perform a routine audit and request the medical information necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided?  Yes  No

Prescriber's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>\*</sup>May not apply to all plans

<sup>†</sup>Please note: Chart documentation of the above is required to be submitted along with this fax form

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Are there any other comments, diagnoses, symptoms, medications tried or failed, and/or any other information the physician feels is important to this review?

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Please note:

**This request may be denied unless all required information is received within established timelines.**

For urgent or expedited requests please call 1-800-711-4555.

This form may be used for non-urgent requests and faxed to 1-800-527-0531.

**Intron A**  
**Prior Authorization Request**

**Send completed form to: Case Review Unit CVS Caremark Specialty Programs Fax: 1-866-249-6155**

CVS Caremark administers the prescription benefit plan for the patient identified. This patient's benefit plan requires prior authorization for certain medications in order for the drug to be covered. To make an appropriate determination, providing the most accurate diagnosis for the use of the prescribed medication is necessary. **Please respond below and fax this form to CVS Caremark toll-free at 1-866-249-6155.** If you have questions regarding the prior authorization, please contact CVS Caremark at **1-866-814-5506**. For inquiries or questions related to the patient's eligibility, drug copay or medication delivery; please contact the Specialty Customer Care Team: CaremarkConnect® 1-800-237-2767.

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Patient's ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Patient's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Specialty:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NPI#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician Office Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Physician Office Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Request Initiated For:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the diagnosis?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B virus (including Hepatitis D co-infection) <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C virus <input type="checkbox"/> Condylomata acuminata <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) <input type="checkbox"/> Malignant melanoma <input type="checkbox"/> Renal cell carcinoma (RCC) <input type="checkbox"/> Clinically aggressive follicular non-Hodgkin's lymphoma <input type="checkbox"/> Giant cell tumor of the bone <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Systemic light chain amyloidosis <input type="checkbox"/> Desmoid tumors <input type="checkbox"/> Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATLL) <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy cell leukemia <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS-related Kaposi's Sarcoma <input type="checkbox"/> Mycosis fungoides/Sézary syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Polycythemia Vera
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2. What is the ICD-10 code? \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following section based on the patient's diagnosis, if applicable.**

Section A: Condylomata Acuminata

3. Is the patient a candidate for standard treatment options (e.g., Podofilox, Imiquimod, Cryotherapy, Podophyllin resin)?  Yes  No

Section B: Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia

4. Is the patient unable to tolerate kinase inhibitor(s) or is post-hematopoietic stem cell transplant?  Yes  No

Section C: Hepatitis B or C Virus

5. How many weeks of current course of drug therapy has the patient received? \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

***I attest that this information is accurate and true, and that documentation supporting this information is available for review if requested by CVS Caremark or the benefit plan sponsor.***

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Prescriber or Authorized Signature** **Date (mm/dd/yy)**

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Prior Authorization

AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF LA MEDICAID

Intron A (LA88)

This fax machine is located in a secure location as required by HIPAA regulations.

Complete/review information, sign and date. Fax signed forms to Aetna Better Health of Louisiana at 1-844-699-2889.

Please contact Aetna Better Health of Louisiana at 1-855-242-0802 with questions regarding the Prior Authorization process.

When conditions are met, we will authorize the coverage of Intron A (LA88).

Please note that all authorization requests will be reviewed as the AB rated generic (when available) unless states otherwise.

Drug Name (select from list of drugs shown)

Intron-A Powder for Soln (interferon alfa-2B)

Intron-A Soln for Injection (interferon alfa-2B)

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

Strength \_\_\_\_\_

Route of Administration \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Length of therapy \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Information

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Group No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Prescribing Physician

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate answer for each question.

- 1. Has this plan authorized Intron A in the past for this patient (i.e., previous authorization is on file under this plan)? Y    N

[If yes, skip to question 22.]

- 2. Is Intron A prescribed by, or in consultation with an appropriate specialist based on the condition being treated: List specialty: Y    N

[If no, then no further questions.]

- 3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis B? Y    N

[If no, skip to question 10.]

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| 4. Is the patient e-antigen positive (HBeAg positive)?  | Y | N |
| [If no, skip to question 6.]  |   |   |
| 5. Does the patient have HBeAg titers and/or hepatitis B DNA levels greater than 20,000 IU/mL?                                      | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]   |   |   |
| [If yes, skip to question 7.]   |   |   |
| 6. Does the patient have hepatitis B DNA levels greater than 2,000 IU/mL?   | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]   |   |   |
| 7. Does the patient have compensated liver disease (e.g., normal bilirubin, albumin, hemoglobin, neutrophils, and platelets)?       | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]   |   |   |
| 8. Is there evidence of liver inflammation (e.g., elevated ALT, inflammation or fibrosis on liver biopsy)?                          | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]   |   |   |
| 9. Is the patient at least 1 year old?  | Y | N |
| [No further questions.]   |   |   |
| 10. Does the patient have a diagnosis of AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma?   | Y | N |
| [If no, skip to question 13.]   |   |   |
| 11. Is Intron A being used for the treatment of visceral AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma associated with rapidly progressive disease? | Y | N |
| [If yes, no further questions.]   |   |   |
| 12. Is the request for the powder for solution formulation?   | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]   |   |   |
| [If yes, skip to question 21.]  |   |   |
| 13. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hairy cell leukemia?   | Y | N |
| [If no, skip to question 16.]   |   |   |

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| 14. Does the patient meet ONE of the following criteria: Had an incomplete response to cladribine or pentostatin \ Had disease relapse within 1 year after responding to cladribine or pentostatin.  | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| 15. Does the patient have at least ONE of the following: Systemic symptoms fatigue, weakness, weight loss, fever, night sweats \ Symptomatic splenomegaly or adenopathy \ Significant cytopenias hemoglobin less than 12 g/dL, platelet count less than 100,000/mcL, or ANC less than 1000/mcL | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| [If yes, skip to question 21.]   |   |   |
| 16. Does the patient have a diagnosis of malignant melanoma?   | Y | N |
| [If no, skip to question 18.]  |   |   |
| 17. Has the patient undergone surgical resection AND is at high risk for recurrence (e.g., primary tumor is more than 4 mm thick, presence of ulceration, and/or lymph node involvement)?  | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| [If yes, skip to question 21.]   |   |   |
| 18. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Condylomata acuminata (genital warts)?  | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| 19. Has the patient failed at least 2 other standard treatments for the same lesion [e.g., cryotherapy, laser removal, surgical excision, electrodesiccation, imiquimod (Aldara) cream, Condylox]: If yes, list treatments tried and dates:  | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| 20. Are the lesion(s) small in size and limited in number and Intron A is prescribed for intralesional use?  | Y | N |
| [If no, then no further questions.]  |   |   |
| 21. Is the patient at least 18 years old?  | Y | N |
| [No further questions.]  |   |   |

22. Is Intron A prescribed to treat hepatitis B? Y N  
[If no, skip to question 25.]
23. Does the patient continue to be positive for hepatitis B e-antigen (HBeAG +)? Y N  
[If yes, then no further questions.]
24. Has the patient already received 2 years of treatment with Intron A? Y N  
[No further questions.]
25. Is the patient responding to treatment with Intron A? Y N

Comments:

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I affirm that the information given on this form is true and accurate as of this date.

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Prescriber (Or Authorized) Signature

Date



Federal Employee Program.

# INTRON-A PRIOR APPROVAL REQUEST

Send completed form to:  
Service Benefit Plan  
Prior Approval  
P.O. Box 52080 MC 139  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2080  
Attn. Clinical Services  
Fax: 1-877-378-4727

Additional information is required to process your claim for prescription drugs. Please complete the cardholder portion, and have the prescribing physician complete the physician portion and submit this completed form.

Member Information (required)				Provider Information (required)		
Date:				Provider Name:		
Cardholder Name:				Specialty:		NPI:
Member Name:				Office Phone:		
Date of Birth:		Sex: Male Female		Office Fax:		
Street Address:				Office Street Address:		
City:		State:	Zip:	City:		State: Zip:
Cardholder ID: <b>R</b>				Physician Signature:		
<b>PHYSICIAN COMPLETES</b>						

## Intron A (interferon alfa-2b)

**NOTE: Form must be completed in its entirety for processing**

### 1. What is the treatment for which Intron A is being used?

Hepatitis B

- a. Is the patient's diagnosis of hepatitis B a chronic condition?  Yes  No
- b. Does the patient have compensated liver disease?  Yes  No
- c. Has the patient been hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAG) positive for at least 6 months?  Yes  No
- d. Is there current evidence of hepatitis B replication via either a positive hepatitis B e antigen (HBeAG) or a positive hepatitis B viral DNA level?  Yes  No
- e. Is the patient's serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) at least twice the upper limit?  Yes  No
- f. Is the patient an immunosuppressed transplant recipient?  Yes  No

Hepatitis C

- a. Does the patient have compensated liver disease?  Yes  No
- b. Is the patient an appropriate candidate for treatment with a pegylated interferon in combination with ribavirin and a protease inhibitor (such as: Victrelis, Incivek, or Olysio)?  Yes  No
- c. Is the patient an immunosuppressed transplant recipient?  Yes  No
- d. Will the patient be using Intron A in combination with Ribavirin? *Please select answer below:*

**YES - Combination therapy with Ribavirin**, please answer the following questions:

- i. Is the patient's diagnosis of hepatitis C a chronic condition?  Yes  No
- ii. Has the patient been previously treated with alpha interferon?  Yes\*  No  
\*If YES, has the patient relapsed following alpha interferon therapy?  Yes  No
- iii. Is the patient or the patient's partner pregnant?  Yes  No\*  
\*If NO, have the patient or the patient's partner have been or will be instructed to practice effective contraception during therapy and for 6 months after stopping ribavirin therapy?  Yes  No  Not of child-bearing age
- iv. Has the patient been diagnosed with renal failure?  Yes  No

**NO - Monotherapy (Intron A only)**, please answer the following questions:

- i. Has the patient's chronic hepatitis C been confirmed by liver biopsy?  Yes  No
- ii. Does the patient have a history of blood or blood product exposure?  Yes  No
- iii. Has the patient tested positive for antibodies to hepatitis C?  Yes  No
- iv. Does the patient have significant intolerance or contraindication to ribavirin?  Yes  No  
\*Examples include hemoglobin level below 8.5 g/dL, a hemoglobinopathy such as thalassemia major or sickle-cell anemia
- v. **FEMALE patient:** Is the patient pregnant?  Yes  No
- vi. Does the patient have a history of unstable heart disease?  Yes  No

- AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma
- Hairy cell leukemia
- Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (Mycosis Fungoides and Sezary Syndrome)
- Other diagnosis (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Carcinoid tumor
- Malignant melanoma
- Condylomata acuminata
- Polycythemia vera
- Follicular lymphoma
- Renal cell cancer



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<p><b>Fax</b> (3-5 days for response)</p>	<p>Fax the attached form to <b>(877)-378-4727</b> Requests sent via fax will be processed and responded to within 5 business days. The form must be filled out completely, if there is any missing information the PA request cannot be processed. <b><u>Please only fax the completed form once as duplicate submissions may delay processing times.</u></b></p>

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