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Authorization for Synagis Outside of RSV Season

Effective **May 1, 2010**, palivizumab (Synagis®) administered outside of the recognized respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season will require prior authorization. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV) RSV season starts in late November and ends in late March; thus, claims for Synagis administered before November 15 or after March 31 will require prior authorization.

For more information, please refer to the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsRSV>. First Health Services will monitor any changes in the RSV season by region and suggest any appropriate policy changes to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) as necessary.

To request prior authorization for Synagis to be administered outside the RSV season window, please call First Health Services Clinical Call Center at (800) 505-9185 or submit form [FH-59 Pharmacy Authorization](#).