OPTIMA HEALTH PLAN

PHARMACY/MEDICAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST*

Directions: **The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request**. All other information may be filled in by office staff; **fax to 1-844-668-1550**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, authorization will be delayed**.

For Medicare Members: Medicare Coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Drug Requested: Neumega® (oprelvekin) **(J2355) (Medical)**

DRUG INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Form/Strength/Month: _____

Dosing Schedule: _____ **Length of Therapy:** _____

Diagnosis: _____ **ICD Code:** _____

- **Maximum treatment per chemotherapy cycle is 21 days and should be discontinued 2 days prior to next cycle or when platelet count is > 50,000 cells/mcL.**

❑ Standard Review. In checking this box, the timeframe does not jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function and would not subject the member to severe pain**.**

CLINICAL CRITERIA: Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

❑ Prescriber is an Oncologist.

AND

❑ Member has solid tumor.

AND

❑ Member experienced severe thrombocytopenia (<50,000 cells/mcL) during previous chemotherapy documented by: Platelet count: _____ (cells/mcL)

AND

❑ Neumega® is being used for the prevention of and not the treatment of thrombocytopenia.

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(Please ensure signature page is attached to form.)

Medication being provided by (check below box that applies):

❑ **Physician's office** **OR** ❑ **Specialty Pharmacy - PropriumRx**

For urgent reviews: Practitioner should call Optima Pre-Authorization Department if they believe a standard review would subject the member to adverse health consequences. Optima's definition of urgent is a lack of treatment that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function.

*****Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step-edit/preauthorization criteria.*****

****Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.****

Member Name: _____

Member Optima #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Prescriber Name: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

DEA OR NPI #: _____

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