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### **Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Season and Synagis® Criteria**

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Dear Superior HealthPlan Clinician:

As you know the 2011-2012 Synagis® season is rapidly approaching. The statistics from previous years indicate RSV appears earlier in some counties and remains active later in other counties. As a result, Superior HealthPlan will be staggering the start dates for the Synagis® series of injections. Most of the counties in the state will start the season October 1, 2011, and end February 28, 2012. Counties in the western part of the state (regions 1, 9, and 10) will start November 1, 2011, and end March 31, 2012. A list of all counties and their associated regions is enclosed for your convenience.

Enclosed please find the Superior HealthPlan Synagis® Authorization Guidelines for the 2011-2012 RSV season. These guidelines were developed based on recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and local Texas physicians.

We will again offer two options for obtaining Synagis®: the Texas Vendor Drug Program (VDP), as well as our preferred provider, CVS Caremark. The Vendor Drug Program provides Synagis® injections for all Medicaid Members. This includes Superior's STAR, STAR+PLUS, and STAR Health members. You can download a copy of the VDP authorization request from their website, <http://www.txvendordrug.com/index.shtml>.

For Superior CHIP Members, which include CHIP-RSA (formerly EPO) and CHIP-Perinate, CVS Caremark will provide Synagis® injections. Providers may also use CVS Caremark for Superior HealthPlan's Medicaid members. A copy of the CVS Caremark RSV enrollment form is enclosed. When submitting the enrollment form, please attach the NICU discharge summary to expedite the review process.

For more information about Synagis®, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413. We also invite you to call Superior HealthPlan provider inquiry line at 1-877-391-5921 with any questions regarding the Superior HealthPlan Synagis®/RSV program.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:  
Synagis® Authorization Guidelines  
List of Counties by Region