Epogen, Procrit, Retacrit

Prior Authorization Request

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 1-855-330-1720**. If you have questions regarding the prior authorization, please contact CVS Caremark at **1-888-877-0518.** 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.

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Patient's Name: _____ **Date**: _____
Patient's ID: _____ **Patient's Date of Birth:** _____
Physician's Name: _____
Specialty: _____ **NPI#:** _____
Physician Office Telephone: _____ **Physician Office Fax:** _____

Referring Provider Info: ❑ **Same as Requesting Provider**
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Fax: _____ **Phone:** _____

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

Required Demographic Information:

Patient Weight: _____*kg*

*Patient Height:*_____*cm*

Please indicate the place of service for the requested drug:

❑ *Ambulatory Surgical*	❑ *Home*	❑ *Off Campus Outpatient Hospital*
❑ *On Campus Outpatient Hospital*	❑ *Office*	❑ *Pharmacy*

Please indicate patient's therapy status:

❑ New start or re-start of therapy: Please complete the following forms in entirety and fax to 866-249-6155.
❑ Continuation of therapy: Please complete the following forms in entirety and fax to 866-249-6155.
❑ Therapy is complete: Please check box and fax first page to 866-249-6155.
❑ Therapy is on hold or patient has medication available: Please check box and fax first page to 866-249-6155.
Please retain the following form for submission when therapy resumes or when supply of medication is low.

Criteria Questions:

1. Which drug is being prescribed? ❑ Epogen ❑ Procrit ❑ Retacrit ❑ Other _____

2. What is the patient's diagnosis?
   ❑ Anemia in chronic kidney disease (CKD)
   ❑ Anemia in myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)
   ❑ Presurgical use to reduce allogeneic blood transfusions

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- ❑ Anemia in congestive heart failure (CHF)
- ❑ Anemia in rheumatoid arthritis
- ❑ Anemia due to hepatitis C treatment
- ❑ Anemia due to zidovudine treatment in a patient with HIV infection
- ❑ Anemia in patients whose religious beliefs forbid blood transfusions
- ❑ Anemia in patients with primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis
- ❑ Anemia with malignancy
- ❑ Other _____

3. What is the ICD-10 code? _____

4. What is the patient's hemoglobin (Hgb) level? *Exclude values due to recent transfusion*
   Pretreatment (i.e., within 30 days of request): Hgb: _____g/dL Date of lab: _____
   Current (i.e., within 30 days of request): Hgb: _____ g/dL Date of lab: _____

5. Will the requested medication be used concomitantly with other erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs)?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No

6. Has the patient received erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA) therapy in the previous month (within 30 days of request)? ❑ Yes ❑ No *If No, skip to #9*

7. At any time since the patient started ESA therapy, has the patient's Hgb increased by 1 g/dL or more?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No

8. How many weeks of ESA therapy has the patient completed? _____ weeks;
   Document start date: _____

9. Has the patient been assessed for iron deficiency anemia? ❑ Yes ❑ No

10. What is the most recent serum transferrin saturation (TSAT) level? _____% ❑ Unknown
    Document date Serum transferrin saturation (TSAT) level obtained: _____

11. Is the patient receiving iron therapy? ❑ Yes ❑ No

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

Section A: Anemia due to Zidovudine Treatment in a Patient with HIV Infection

12. Is the patient currently receiving treatment with a zidovudine-containing medication? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Section B: Anemia due to Hepatitis C Treatment

13. Is the patient currently receiving treatment with ribavirin in combination with either interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Section C: Presurgical Use to Reduce Allogeneic Blood Transfusions

14. Is the patient scheduled to have an elective, noncardiac, nonvascular surgery? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Section D: Anemia in myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or Anemia in patients with primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis

15. What is the patient's pretreatment serum erythropoietin level? _____ mU/mL ❑ Not available

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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