

EXCEPTIONS CRITERIA ACROMEGALY PRODUCTS

PREFERRED PRODUCTS: SANDOSTATIN LAR, SOMATULINE DEPOT

POLICY

This policy informs prescribers of preferred products and provides an exception process for targeted products through prior authorization.

I. PLAN DESIGN SUMMARY

This program applies to the acromegaly products specified in this policy. Coverage for a targeted product is provided based on clinical circumstances that would exclude the use of the preferred products and may be based on previous use of a product. The coverage review process will ascertain situations where a clinical exception can be made. This program applies to members who are new to treatment with the targeted product for the first time.

Each referral is reviewed based on all utilization management (UM) programs implemented for the client.

Table. Acromegaly Products

	Product(s)
Preferred*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandostatin LAR (octreotide acetate for injectable suspension)• Somatuline Depot (lanreotide)
Targeted (non-preferred)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signifor LAR (pasireotide)• Somavert (pegvisomant)

*: Medications considered formulary or preferred on your plan may still require a clinical prior authorization review.

II. EXCEPTION CRITERIA

This program applies to members requesting treatment for an indication that is FDA-approved for both of the preferred products.

Coverage for a targeted product is provided when either of the following criteria is met:

- A. Member has received treatment with the requested targeted product in the past 365 days.
- B. Member has a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to any of the preferred products.

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