AvMed

PHARMACY 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 1-305-671-0200**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If the information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, the authorization process can be delayed.**

Sodium Phenylbutyrate Products

Drug Requested: (select one from below)

❑ **sodium phenylbutyrate** (Buphenyl®) ❑ **Powder** ❑ **Tablets**	❑ **Pheburane®** (sodium phenylbutyrate) **oral pellets**	❑ **Olpruva™** (sodium phenylbutyrate) **oral suspension**

MEMBER & PRESCRIBER INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Member Name: _____

Member AvMed #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Prescriber Name: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

DEA OR NPI #: _____

DRUG INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Form/Strength: _____

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

Diagnosis: _____ **ICD Code:** _____

Weight: _____ **Date:** _____

Quantity Limits: Maximum daily dose of 20 grams per day for all formulations

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.

Initial Authorization: 12 months

- ❑ Prescriber is a specialist in the management of urea cycle disorders
- ❑ Provider has submitted member's current weight: _____and height: _____

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- ❑ Member has a confirmed diagnosis of chronic hyperammonemia due to a urea cycle disorder (UCD) amenable to treatment with sodium phenylbutyrate as verified by genetic, enzymatic or biochemical testing **(submit labs confirming diagnosis)**
- ❑ Member does **NOT** have a diagnosis of UCD with N-acetylglutamate synthase (NAGS) deficiency
- ❑ Sodium phenylbutyrate will **NOT** be used in treatment of acute hyperammonemia
- ❑ Member will be maintained on a protein restricted diet while using sodium phenylbutyrate therapy
- ❑ Member's blood ammonia levels, CBC with differential, hepatic and renal function will be monitored regularly while using this medication

Reauthorization: 12 months. 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.

- ❑ Member has been maintained on a protein restricted diet while using sodium phenylbutyrate therapy
- ❑ Provider has submitted member's current weight: _____ and height: _____
- ❑ Member has a documented positive clinical response to therapy and fasting ammonia levels have normalized since last approval of requested medication **(chart notes and/or labs must be submitted)**

Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy – Proprium Rx

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.*