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Dear Provider:

Now that the **RSV** season is upon us, **VHP Community Care** would like to make you aware of important information to help you maintain the health and well being of your patients. **VHP** will cover the cost of Synagis for all members as a covered benefit, provided they meet guidelines for Synagis administration as outlined by the American Academy of Pediatrics. **Synagis can be obtained by contacting the Health Services Department at VHP at (615) 782-7800, ext. 3053 and completing the attached form and faxing it to us at (615) 782-7822.** Once the authorization is completed, the referral will be sent to IV Solutions, our **Synagis provider (615-367-4567)**. Someone from **IV Solutions** will contact you to coordinate delivery of the medication to your office.

VHP is proud to partner with you to prevent this avoidable disease. The guidelines for Synagis administration can be found in the following reference:

American Academy of Pediatrics. Ped/Comm: AAP Member Alert. Letter from the President. October 6. 1998.

For your convenience, we have also included a RSV Risk Assessment Chart with guidelines for selecting appropriate candidates for prophylaxis with Synagis.

Please feel free to contact the Health Services Department or Windsor HomeCare Network with any questions you may have regarding the authorization process for your patients.

Sincerely,

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