

**Request for Prior Authorization for Sandostatin LAR Depot (octreotide acetate)**  
**Website Form – [www.highmarkhealthoptions.com](http://www.highmarkhealthoptions.com)**  
**Submit request via: Fax - 1-855-476-4158**

All requests for Sandostatin LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) require a Prior Authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

**Sandostatin LAR Depot (octreotide acetate) Prior Authorization Criteria:**

For all requests the following criteria must be met in addition to the diagnosis specific criteria below:

- The member is 18 years of age or older
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist, oncologist, or hematologist
- Previous treatment with octreotide (Sandostatin) immediate release was effective and tolerated
- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **acromegaly** when the following criteria is met:

- Must have an inadequate response to surgery or radiation therapy, unless surgery and/or radiotherapy is not an option
- Documentation of **both** of the following:
  - Elevated serum IGF-1 level for member's gender and age range. Laboratory reference range must be provided.
  - Elevated growth hormone (GH) level defined as GH level  $\geq$  1ng/mL following an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT)
- Documentation of baseline growth hormone (GH) and IGF-I blood levels.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria:**
  - Documentation of ALL of the following:
    - Chart documentation of clinical benefit and tolerance
    - IGF-1 level has decreased or stabilized since initiation of therapy
    - GH level has decreased or stabilized since initiation of therapy
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **metastatic carcinoid tumors** when the following criteria is met:

- The member has severe diarrhea and/or flushing episodes (carcinoid syndrome)
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria:**
  - Member is experiencing a decrease in severity and occurrence of diarrhea and or flushing
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **vasoactive intestinal peptide tumors (VIPomas)** when following criteria is met:

- The member has profuse watery diarrhea associated with VIP-secreting tumors
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria:**
  - Member is experiencing a decrease in severity and occurrence of diarrhea
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

Drugs are authorized in generic form unless the branded product is on the preferred drug list or the prescriber has indicated in writing that the branded product is medically necessary. If only the branded product is on the preferred drug list, the generic form will be considered non-preferred and shall not require the prescriber to indicate in writing that the branded product is medically necessary.

**SANDOSTATIN LAR DEPOT (OCTREOTIDE ACETATE)  
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Highmark Health Options Pharmacy Services. **FAX: (855) 476-4158**  
If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative. **PHONE: (844) 325-6251 Mon – Fri 8 am to 7 pm**

**PROVIDER INFORMATION**

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

Member Name:	DOB:	
Health Options ID:	Member weight:	Height:

**REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION**

Medication:	Strength:	
Directions:	Quantity:	Refills:
Is the member currently receiving requested medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Date Medication Initiated:
Is this medication being used for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

**Billing Information**

This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> medically, JCODE: _____	
Place of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's office <input type="checkbox"/> Member's home <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**Place of Service Information**

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

**MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)**

Diagnosis:	ICD Code:
Was octreotide (Sandostatatin) immediate release effective and tolerated? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
For Acromegaly:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Did the member have an inadequate response to surgery and/or radiotherapy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>➤ Does the member have an elevated IGF-1 level? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <i>lab results attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>➤ Does the member have a growth hormone (GH) level <math>\geq</math> 1mg/mL following an oral glucose tolerance test? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <i>lab results attached</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>	
For Metastatic Carcinoid Tumors: does the member have severe diarrhea and/or flushing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
For Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide Tumors (VIPomas): does the member have profuse watery diarrhea associated with the VIP-secreting tumors? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY**

Medication Name	Strength/ Frequency	Dates of Therapy	Status (Discontinued & Why/Current)

**REAUTHORIZATION**

For Acromegaly:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Has the member experienced clinical benefit and tolerance of the medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>➤ Has the IGF-1 level decreased or stabilized since initiation of therapy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li>➤ Has the GH level decreased or stabilized since initiation of therapy? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> </ul>	
For Metastatic Carcinoid Tumors and VIPomas:	
Has the member experienced a decrease in severity and occurrence of diarrhea and/or flushing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

<b>Prescribing Provider Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>