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

All requests for Rezdifra (resmetirom) require a Prior Authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

**Rezdifra (resmetirom) Prior Authorization Criteria:**

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of noncirrhotic nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) and all of the following criteria is met:

- Documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of NASH by **one** of the following:
  - Liver biopsy within the past 2 years confirming steatosis AND ALL of the following:
    - NAFLD Activity Score (NAS) of at least 4
    - A score of at least 1 in each NAS component [i.e., steatosis (scored 0 to 3), ballooning degeneration (scored 0 to 2), lobular inflammation (scored 0 to 3)]
    - Moderate to advanced liver fibrosis (stages F2 to F3 fibrosis)
  - Vibration-controlled transient elastography (VCTE; e.g. FibroScan) with kPa greater than or equal to 8.5 AND controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) greater than or equal to 280 dB.m-1
  - **ONE** of the following historical biochemical tests for fibrosis:
    - PRO-C3 >14 ng/mL
    - Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) greater than or equal to 9
  - The member has an MRI-PDFF greater than or equal to 8% liver fat included MRE
- Is age-appropriate according to FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed medical literature
- Member must not have any of the following exclusions:
  - Thyroid diseases including:
    - Active hyperthyroidism
    - Untreated clinical hypothyroidism defined by thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) >7 IU/L with symptoms of hypothyroidism or >10 IU/L without symptoms
  - Recent significant weight gain or loss
  - HbA1c  $\geq$  9.0%

- Presence of cirrhosis on liver biopsy defined as stage 4 fibrosis
- Diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)
- MELD score  $\geq 12$ , unless due to therapeutic anti coagulation
- Decompensated cirrhosis Chronic liver diseases other than NASH
- History of bariatric surgery (within the past 5 years)
- Active autoimmune disease
- Serum ALT > 250 U/L
- Active, serious medical disease with a likely life expectancy less than 2 years
- History of significant alcohol consumption for a period of more than 3 consecutive months within 1 year prior to starting requested therapy
- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a liver specialist physician such as a hepatologist or gastroenterologist
- The prescriber must monitor for elevations in liver tests and development of liver related adverse reactions.
- The member must discontinue use of any medication that may affect NAS or fibrosis stage or regular use of drugs historically associated with NAFLD
- Documentation the member has received lifestyle counseling on nutrition and exercise and will continue to use in conjunction with the requested medication
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
- The member has received a clinical benefit demonstrated by either:
  - the resolution of steatohepatitis and no worsening of liver fibrosis or
  - at least one stage improvement in liver fibrosis and no worsening of steatohepatitis
- The member has documentation of an annual evaluation, including laboratory values since starting treatment, by a hepatologist or gastroenterologist
- Documentation the member continues to diet and exercise in conjunction with the requested medication
- The member continues to not use any medication that may affect NAS or fibrosis stage or regular use of drugs historically associated with NAFLD

- The member does not have any exclusions as listed in the initial review criteria
- **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.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM- PAGE 1 of 2**

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 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00pm

**PROVIDER INFORMATION**

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

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

Member Name:	DOB:	
Member 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:  at a pharmacy **OR**  
 medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: \_\_\_\_\_)

Place of Service:  Hospital  Provider's office  Member's home  Other

**PLACE OF SERVICE INFORMATION**

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

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

Diagnosis:  Noncirrhotic nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How was the diagnosis confirmed (please submit chart documentation)?

Liver biopsy with the past 2 years

NAFLD Activity Score (NAS) of at least 4

A score of at least 1 in each NAS component [i.e., steatosis (scored 0 to 3), ballooning degeneration (scored 0 to 2), lobular inflammation (scored 0 to 3)]

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Vibration-controlled transient elastography (VCTE; e.g FibroScan) with kPa greater than or equal to 8.5 AND controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) greater than or equal to 280 dB.m-1

One of the following biochemical tests for fibrosis:

PRO-C3 >14 ng/mL

Enhanced Liver Fibrosis (ELF) greater than or equal to 9

The member has an MRI-PDFP greater than or equal to 8% liver fat included MRE

Does the member have any of the following (check all that apply):

Thyroid diseases including active hyperthyroidism or untreated clinical hypothyroidism defined by thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) >7 IU/L with symptoms of hypothyroidism or >10 IU/L without symptoms

Recent significant weight gain or loss

HbA1c ≥ 9.0%

Presence of cirrhosis on liver biopsy defined as stage 4 fibrosis

Diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)

MELD score ≥12, unless due to therapeutic anti coagulation

Decompensated cirrhosis Chronic liver diseases other than NASH

History of bariatric surgery (within the past 5 years)

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM (CONTINUED) – PAGE 2 OF 2**

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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

Member Name:	DOB:	
Member ID:	Member weight:	Height:

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

- Active autoimmune disease
- Serum ALT > 250 U/L
- Active, serious medical disease with a likely life expectancy less than 2 years
- History of significant alcohol consumption for a period of more than 3 consecutive months within 1 year prior to starting requested therapy

Will the member be monitored for elevations in liver tests and development of liver related adverse reactions?  Yes  No  
 Has the member discontinued any medication that may affect NAS or fibrosis stage or regular use of drugs historically associated with NAFLD?  Yes  No  
 Is there documentation the member has received lifestyle counseling on nutrition and exercise and will continue to use in conjunction with the requested medication?  Yes  No

**REAUTHORIZATION**

Has the member received a clinical benefit demonstrated by either resolution of steatohepatitis and no worsening of liver fibrosis or at least one stage improvement in liver fibrosis and no worsening of steatohepatitis?  Yes  No  
 Is there documentation of an annual evaluation, including laboratory values since starting treatment, by a hepatologist or gastroenterologist?  Yes  No  
 Is there documentation the member continues to diet and exercise in conjunction with the requested medication?  Yes  No  
 Does the member continue to not use any medication that may affect NAS or fibrosis stage or regular use of drugs historically associated with NAFLD?  Yes  No  
 Does the member have any exclusions to the requested medication?  Yes  No

**CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY**

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

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

**Prescribing Provider Signature**

**Date**

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