



## **Guidelines for Medication Use:**

### **Specialty Drugs with No Clinical Criteria**

#### **Background:**

Some specialty drugs require prior authorization to arrange and coordinate the availability and delivery of the product through a specialty pharmacy. There are no clinical criteria that must be met for these drugs to be approved as long as they are not excluded from the member's coverage.

**Note: Offices that buy and bill do not need to obtain authorization for Sandostatin LAR® and Thyrogen®.**

#### **Length of Approval:**

Authorizations may be entered for the length of time requested by the prescriber, not to exceed 12 months per authorization.

#### **Authorization Procedure:**

- 1) Prescriber should contact the Pharmacy Management department by phone at (330) 996-8805 or by fax at (330) 996-8580.
- 2) SummaCare representative will enter authorization into claims system accordingly and will fax referral to the contracted specialty pharmacy.
- 3) Upon receipt of referral, the specialty pharmacy will contact the provider via fax to obtain the prescription order and arrange delivery.