

ALASKA MEDICAID

Serostim[®] (Somatropin [rDNA origin])

Vial for Reconstitution: 4mg, 5mg, 6mg and 8.8mg

PREFERRED DRUG:

NA

NON-PREFERRED DRUG:

NA

INDICATION:

“Serostim[®] [somatropin (rDNA origin) for injection] is indicated for the treatment of HIV patients with wasting or cachexia to increase lean body mass and body weight, and improve physical endurance. Concomitant antiretroviral therapy is necessary.”¹

CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL:

1. The patient is HIV positive; **AND**
2. The patient is currently receiving or has recently received antiretroviral therapy; **AND**
3. The patient has lost 10% or more of their body weight; **AND**
4. The patient has had more than 30 days of diarrhea²; **OR**
5. The patient has had more than 30 days of weakness and fever.²

CRITERIA CAUSING DENIAL:

1. The patient is not HIV positive; **OR**
2. The patient is not receiving, or has not recently received, antiretroviral therapy; **OR**
3. The patient is being treated for any condition other than wasting or cachexia as defined above.

LENGTH OF APPROVAL:

1. Criteria may be approved for up to 6 months.

DISPENSING LIMIT:

1. No more than a 30 day supply may be dispensed.

REFERENCES / FOOTNOTES:

¹ Serostim[®] package insert, available at:

<http://www.emdserono.com/cmgeemdserono_us/en/images/Serostim_tcm115_19402.pdf>

Accessed 03/04/2010.

² Physical Changes. Retrieved March 4, 2010 from U.S. Department of Health and Human services website: <<http://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/ Diagnosed-with-hiv-aids/hiv-in-your-body/physical-changes/#wasting>>