



Prior Authorization Form

**Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Medicare)  
Medi-Pak Rx (PDP) and Medi-Pak Advantage (PFFS)  
Pegasys (Medicare Determination)**

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Complete/review information, sign and date. Fax signed forms to CVS|Caremark at 1-888-836-0730.  
Please contact CVS|Caremark at 1-800-294-5979 with questions regarding the prior authorization process.  
When conditions are met, we will authorize the coverage of Pegasys (Medicare Determination).

**Drug Name (select from list of drugs shown)**  
Pegasys (peginterferon alfa-2a)

**Patient Information**

Patient  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient  
Group No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prescribing Physician**

Physician  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State,  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate answer for each applicable question.

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| 1. Is the physician purchasing and providing the drug "incident to" physician services?   | Y | N |
| 2. Is the physician aware that labeling recommends that all patients be monitored for evidence of depression?   | Y | N |
| 3. Does the patient have decompensated liver failure/disease?<br>[If the answer to this question is yes, then no further questions required.]                           | Y | N |
| 4. Does the patient have the diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C virus infection?<br>[If the answer to this question is no, then skip to question 13.]                     | Y | N |
| 5. Has the patient received PEGYLATED interferon (i.e., PEG-Intron or Pegasys) therapy previously?<br>[If the answer to this question is yes, then skip to question 8.] | Y | N |
| 6. Does the patient have detectable levels of Hepatitis C RNA (a viral load) in the serum?  | Y | N |
| 7. Is the patient Genotype-1 or Genotype-4?<br>[Skip to question 12.]   | Y | N |
| 8. Has the patient received at least 6 months of interferon therapy?<br>[If the answer to this question is yes, then skip to question 10.]                              | Y | N |



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9. Is the patient Genotype-1 or Genotype-4? Y N  
[Skip to question 11.]
10. Did the patient have detectable levels of hepatitis C virus (HCV) RNA (a viral load) in the serum after or at the end of the INITIAL treatment period? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is no, then skip to question 12.]
11. Did the patient experience at least a 2-log decrease in viral load? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is no, then no further questions are required.]
12. Has the patient received 12 months total of PEGYLATED interferon (i.e., PEG-Intron or Pegasys)? Y N  
[No further questions required.]
13. Does the patient have a positive serum marker for hepatitis B (HBV) replication [serum HBV-DNA greater than 100,000 copies/mL or greater than 20,000 IU/mL (for HBeAg positive), serum HBV-DNA greater than 10,000 copies/mL or greater than 2,000 IU/mL (for HBeAg negative)]? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is no, then no further questions required.]
14. Does the patient have persistently elevated serum aminotransferase (ALT or AST) levels greater than 2 times upper limits of normal? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is yes, then no further questions required.]
15. Does the patient have signs of chronic hepatitis B on liver biopsy demonstrated by portal or bridging fibrosis, moderate inflammation, or necrosis? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is yes, then no further questions required.]
16. Does the patient have cirrhosis of the liver as evidenced by radiological data or clinical data? Y N  
[If the answer to this question is yes, then no further questions required.]
17. Does the patient have extrahepatic complications? Y N

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the information given on this form is true and accurate as of this date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Prescriber (Or Authorized) Signature and Date**