AETNA BETTER HEALTH®
Coverage Policy/Guideline

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Effective Date:	4/7/2024	Last Review Date:	4/2024

Applies to:	☐Illinois	☐Florida	☒Florida Kids
	☒New Jersey	☒Maryland	☐Michigan
	☒Pennsylvania Kids	☒Virginia	☒KY PRMD

Intent:

The intent of this policy/guideline is to provide information to the prescribing practitioner outlining the coverage criteria for Somavert under the patient's prescription drug benefit.

Description:

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication
Somavert is indicated for the treatment of acromegaly in patients who have had an inadequate response to surgery or radiation therapy, or for whom these therapies are not appropriate.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

Applicable Drug List:

Somavert

Policy/Guideline:

Documentation:
Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

A. For initial approval: Laboratory report indicating high pretreatment insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) level and chart notes indicating an inadequate or partial response to surgery or radiotherapy or a clinical reason for not having surgery or radiotherapy
B. For continuation: Laboratory report indicating normal current IGF-1 levels or chart notes indicating that the member's IGF-1 level has decreased or normalized since initiation of therapy

Criteria for Initial Approval:
Authorization of 12 months may be granted for the treatment of acromegaly when all of the following criteria are met:

A. Member has a high pretreatment IGF-1 level for age and/or gender based on the laboratory reference range.

B. Member had an inadequate or partial response to surgery or radiotherapy OR there is a clinical reason why the member has not had surgery or radiotherapy.
C. The patient is unable to take Octreotide Acetate Injection followed by Sandostatin Long Acting Release (LAR) for the given diagnosis due to a trial and inadequate treatment response or intolerance, or a contraindication. Documentation is required for approval.

Continuation of Therapy:
Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continuation of therapy for acromegaly when the member's IGF-1 level has decreased or normalized since initiation of therapy.

Approval Duration and Quantity Restrictions:

Approval:
Initial and Renewal: 12 months

Quantity Level Limit:

Medication	Standard Limit
Somavert (pegvisomant) Inj 10mg	30 per 30 days
Somavert (pegvisomant) Inj 15mg	30 per 30 days
Somavert (pegvisomant) Inj 20mg	30 per 30 days
Somavert (pegvisomant) Inj 25mg	30 per 30 days
Somavert (pegvisomant) Inj 30mg	30 per 30 days

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