

POLICY NAME	Sandostatin (octreotide) and Sandostatin LAR	POLICY #	1741P
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Criteria

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Acromegaly

- ☐ Prescribed by an endocrinologist (hormone doctor)
- ☐ Diagnosis of acromegaly
- ☐ High Insulin-like Growth Factor (IGF-1) levels for age (lab values are required)
- ☐ Documented inadequate response to surgery or radiotherapy or clinical reason why the patient has not had surgery or radiotherapy
- ☐ If request is a new start for Sandostatin LAR, documented 2-week treatment with Sandostatin injection which was effective and tolerated

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of High-Grade Poorly-Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET)

- ☐ Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs
- ☐ Sandostatin/Sandostatin LAR will be used in addition cancer therapy

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Well Differentiated (Carcinoid) NET

- ☐ Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs
- ☐ Diagnosis of one of the following:
 - Metastatic disease for which surgery cannot be performed
 - Cancer releasing tumors
 - Significant tumor burden
 - Abnormal lung tumors despite cancer treatment
 - Lung NET with positive octreotide scan

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Pancreatic NET

- ☐ Prescribed by an specialist knowledgeable in the treatment of NETs

- ☐ Diagnosis of one of the following:
 - Insulinoma (pancreas tumors)
 - Gastrinoma (intestinal tumors) Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure
 - VIPoma (endocrine tumors)
 - Pituitary adenoma (pituitary tumors)

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Acute Chemotherapy-Related Diarrhea

- ☐ Prescribed by an oncologist (cancer doctor) or hematologist (blood disorder doctor)
- ☐ Documentation that the member is currently receiving a chemotherapy regimen
- ☐ Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to loperamide (generic for Imodium) or diphenoxylate-atropine (generic for Lomotil)

Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Diarrhea Associated with Graft-Versus-Host Disease (GVHD)

- ☐ Prescribed by an oncologist (cancer doctor) or hematologist (blood disorder doctor)
- ☐ Diagnosis of steroid-refractory gut GVHD
- ☐ Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to loperamide (generic for Imodium) or diphenoxylate-atropine (generic for Lomotil)