

**Request for Prior Authorization
ORAL IMMUNOTHERAPY**

(PLEASE PRINT – ACCURACY IS IMPORTANT)

Treatment failure with an intranasal corticosteroid and oral or nasal antihistamine used concurrently:

Intranasal Corticosteroid Name & Dose: _____ Trial dates: _____

Reason for failure: _____

Antihistamine Name & Dose: _____ Trial dates: _____

Reason for failure: _____

Short Ragweed Pollen (Ragwitek) in addition to the above criteria being met:

Patient is diagnosed with short ragweed pollen-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis: Yes No

Patient has a positive skin test or in vitro testing (pollen-specific IgE antibodies) to short ragweed pollen:

Yes (attach results) No

If criteria for coverage are met, authorization will be considered at least 12 weeks before the expected onset of ragweed pollen season and continued throughout the season.

Grass Pollen (Grastek and Oralair) in addition to the above criteria being met:

1. Request is for Grastek; and

Patient is diagnosed with grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis: Yes No

Patient has a positive skin test or in vitro testing (pollen-specific IgE antibodies) to timothy grass (or cross reactive grasses such as sweet vernal, orchard/cockfoot, perennial rye, Kentucky blue/June, meadow fescue, and redtop):

Yes (attach results) No

If criteria for coverage are met, authorization will be considered at least 12 weeks before the expected onset of grass pollen season as follows:

- Seasonally, through the end of the grass pollen season; or
- For sustained effectiveness, up to three consecutive years (including the intervals between grass pollen seasons) for one grass pollen season after cessation of treatment. Authorizations would be given in 12-month intervals up to three consecutive years with one grass pollen season.

2. Request is for Oralair; and

Patient is diagnosed with grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis: Yes No

Patient has a positive skin test or in vitro testing (pollen-specific IgE antibodies) to sweet vernal, orchard/cockfoot, perennial rye, timothy, Kentucky blue/June grass:

Yes (attach results) No

If criteria for coverage are met, authorization will be considered at least 4 months prior to the expected onset of each grass pollen season and continued throughout the grass pollen season.

House Dust Mite (Odaetra) in addition to the above criteria being met:

Patient is diagnosed with house dust mite (HDM)-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis: Yes No

Patient has a positive skin test to licensed house dust mite allergen extracts or in vitro testing for IgE antibodies to

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Dermatophagoides farina or Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus house dust mites:

Yes (attach results) No

If criteria for coverage are met, authorization will be considered for 12 months.

Attach lab results and other documentation as necessary.

Prescriber signature (Must match prescriber listed above.)	Date of submission
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IMPORTANT NOTE: *In evaluating requests for prior authorization the consultant will consider the treatment from the standpoint of medical necessity only. If approval of this request is granted, this does not indicate that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid. It is the responsibility of the provider who initiates the request for prior authorization to establish by inspection of the member's Medicaid eligibility card and, if necessary by contact with the county Department of Health and Human Services, that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid.*