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New Mexico Pediatric Society

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Dear Colleague:

We are very pleased to announce that your New Mexico Pediatric Society, through our Pediatric Council, has developed a universal Prior Authorization/Statement of Medical Necessity/Order Form for the administration of Synagis (Palivizumab) to prevent RSV infection. This form is based upon current AAP guidelines for the care of infants with RSV.

The project was approved by and developed with the input of the medical directors of the four largest health plans in New Mexico—Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, Lovelace Health Plan, Molina Health Care and Presbyterian Health Plan. They have worked closely with the members of the Pediatric Council on this project. The medical directors are committed to helping the pediatricians and other providers of New Mexico take care of our premature infants, our most vulnerable patients.

By now you should have received the new form to enroll your patients in the 2007-2008 Synagis program. We are happy to enclose the universal form along with this letter. Your local representatives of MedImmune should have contacted you by now to introduce the form and guide you through its use. If you haven't seen it, please contact Rob, Joanne or Erin or download it from our website at www.nmpeds.org.

The signatures of our health plan medical directors are included below. Please take the time to thank them for helping us develop this form. It will make your life easier and will give you more time to take care of the preemies that this important medicine will protect.

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