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Synagis Distribution Network **REVISED******

The manufacturer of Synagis, MedImmune, has put in place since the 2006-07 RSV season a "Synagis Distribution Network. This is an exclusive network of wholesalers and pharmacies that have been authorized to purchase and distribute Synagis. Wholesalers and pharmacies not listed in this network will not be able to obtain Synagis from MedImmune.

As the network is subject to change at any time, the most up-to-date list will be posted within MedImmune's web site:

<http://www.medimmune.com/products/synagis/sdn.asp>

The network consists of:

- authorized drug wholesalers
- preferred providers
- general member providers
- and Physician Purchase Distributors.

Physician and/or clinics with a current purchase contract with an approved drug wholesaler can purchase Synagis directly from these wholesalers. For physician/clinics who do not wish to purchase Synagis, they can write an outpatient prescription to an authorized pharmacy and the pharmacy will ship/deliver the Synagis to the physician/clinic for administration. When Synagis is supplied by an authorized pharmacy, the physician or clinic may not bill CCS for the cost of Synagis, as the dispensing pharmacy will bill for the drug.

Authorized Pharmacies

MedImmune has contracted with select specialty pharmacies to dispense or distribute Synagis. The list of pharmacies can be viewed at their web site:

<http://www.medimmune.com/products/synagis/sdn.asp>

There are three categories of pharmacy providers:

1. Preferred pharmacy providers
2. General pharmacy providers
3. Physician Purchase Distributors-Pharmacy providers who will sell directly to physicians/clinics

Upon receipt of an authorized SAR, the selected pharmacy will dispense Synagis and deliver the drug directly to the physician/clinic.

Physician Purchase Distributors will sell directly to physicians, clinics, and outpatient hospitals. Providers who do not have purchase agreements with authorized drug wholesalers may purchase Synagis, for administration, and bill CCS for the cost of the drug and bill for administration.