PEGYLATED INTERFERON SUMMARY

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LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: 1 year (365 days) for diagnosis of carcinoma; 48 weeks (336 days) for diagnoses of hepatitis B; length of authorization for hepatitis C varies based on genotype, co-infection with HIV, CD4 counts and HCV-RNA viral titers.

PA CRITERIA:

*For Pegasys*
- Approvable for members with a diagnosis of Hepatitis B
  - OR
- Approvable for members with a diagnosis of carcinoma
  - OR
- Approvable for members with a diagnosis of Hepatitis C; Physician should submit faxed documentation of viral titer.

*For Peg-Intron*
- Approvable for members with a diagnosis of Hepatitis C; Physician should submit faxed documentation of viral titer.
- Physician should submit documentation of allergies, contraindications, drug-drug interactions, or a history of intolerable side effects to Pegasys.

*For Sylatron*
- Approvable for members with a diagnosis of melanoma with microscopic or gross nodal involvement (Stage III melanoma) when prescribed within 84 days of definitive surgical resection, including complete lymphadenectomy.

EXCEPTIONS:
- Exceptions to these conditions of coverage are considered through the prior authorization process.
- The Prior Authorization process may be initiated by calling **Catamaran at 1-866-525-5827**.

PA and APPEAL PROCESS:
- For online access to the PA process please go to [www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal), highlight the pharmacy link on the top right side of the page, and click on “prior approval process”.

QUANTITY LEVEL LIMITATIONS:
- For online access to the current Quantity Level Limit please go to [www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal), highlight Provider Information and click on Provider Manuals. Scroll to the page with Pharmacy Services Part II and select that manual.

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