

**Generic Name:** Pegylated Interferon alfa-2a

**Therapeutic Class or Brand Name:** Pegasys®

**Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class):**

**Preferred:** N/A

**Non-preferred:** N/A

**Date of Origin:** 2/1/2013

**Date Last Reviewed / Revised:** 2/1/2022

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I through III are met)

- i. Documented diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis B (CHB) infection and ONE of criteria A or B is met:
  - A. Patient is an adult with HBeAg-positive OR HBeAg-negative CHB AND both criteria 1 and 2 are met:
    1. Patient has compensated liver disease.
    2. There is evidence of viral replication and liver inflammation.
  - B. Patient is 3 years to less than 18 years of age with HBeAg-positive CHB and ALL of criteria 1 through 3 are met:
    1. Patient does not have cirrhosis.
    2. There is evidence of viral replication.
    3. Patient has elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT).
- ii. Documentation of patient's Hepatitis treatment history and baseline viral load.
- iii. Prescriber is a Gastroenterologist, Infectious Disease Specialist, or Hepatologist.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Autoimmune hepatitis.
- Hepatic decompensation in patients with cirrhosis.

## OTHER CRITERIA

- N/A

## QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- 4 syringes/vials per 28 days.

## APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 48 weeks for treatment of chronic hepatitis B.

- **Re-Authorization:** N/A

## APPENDIX

N/A

## REFERENCES

1. <http://hcvguidelines.org/full-report-view> .
2. [www.drugs.com](http://www.drugs.com) .
3. Medi-Span®.
4. [http://www.gene.com/download/pdf/pegasys\\_prescribing.pdf](http://www.gene.com/download/pdf/pegasys_prescribing.pdf) .

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