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Scope: Medicaid

**Corticotropin-ACTH:**

**Acthar Gel (repository corticotropin injection), Cortrophin Gel (repository corticotropin injection)**

**POLICY**

**I. CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

An authorization of 1 month may be granted when all the following criteria are met:

- A. Patient is less than 24 months old and has a diagnosis of infantile spasms (West Syndrome);
- B. Must be used as monotherapy;
- C. Documentation that patient does not have a suspected congenital infection;
- D. If the request is for Acthar Gel, the patient must have a documented contraindication, inadequate response or intolerance to Cortrophin Gel;
- E. Dose does not exceed 75 units/m<sup>2</sup> intramuscularly given twice daily for 2 weeks, then taper the dose over a 2 week period (e.g., 30 units/m<sup>2</sup> in the morning for 3 days; 15 units/m<sup>2</sup> in the morning for 3 days; 10 units/m<sup>2</sup> in the morning for 3 days; and 10 units/m<sup>2</sup> every other morning for 6 days).

**II. COVERAGE DURATION**

1 month

**III. REFERENCES:**

1. H.P. Acthar Gel [package insert]. Hazelwood, MO; Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals Inc; March 2023. Accessed September 2023
2. Purified Cortrophin Gel [package insert].Baudette, MN; ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; June 2023. Accessed September 2023.