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August 20, 2009

RE: Synagis<sup>®</sup>  
Dear Kentucky Medicaid Provider:

Please be advised that the Department for Medicaid Services has made a change in policy related to the use of Synagis<sup>®</sup>. The Department will closely follow the new recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics for the appropriate utilization of Synagis<sup>®</sup> for the prevention of **respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)**. **As a result, the 2009 RSV season will begin November 1, 2009 and continue through March 31, 2010.** For additional information please refer to the American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book 2009 online: <http://aapredbook.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/2009/1/3.110>.

Kentucky Medicaid will begin processing Synagis<sup>®</sup> prior authorization requests for the 2009 RSV season on **September 1, 2009** with a **start date of November 1, 2009**. A drug specific prior authorization fax form which contains the clinical criteria requirements is enclosed for your reference and utilization when requesting authorization for Synagis<sup>®</sup>. The enclosed prior authorization form is also located at <http://kentucky.fhsc.com/pharmacy>. Please fax all requests to First Health Services at the following numbers:

- Non-Urgent: (800) 365-8835
- Urgent: (800) 421-9064
- Mental Health Providers: (800) 453-2273
- Long Term Care: (800) 453-2273

Sincerely,

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