



Request for Prior Authorization
CHOLIC ACID (CHOLBAM®)

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Form with fields for IA Medicaid Member ID #, Patient name, DOB, Patient address, Provider NPI, Prescriber name, Phone, Prescriber address, Fax, Pharmacy name, Address, Phone, and Pharmacy NPI, Pharmacy fax, NDC.

Prior authorization is required for cholic acid (Cholbam®). Payment will be considered under the following conditions:

- 1) Is prescribed by a hepatologist or pediatric gastroenterologist; and
2) Is prescribed for a diagnosis of bile acid synthesis disorder due to a single enzyme defect (SED) including:
3) Is prescribed as an adjunctive treatment of peroxisomal disorder (PD) in patients who exhibit manifestations of liver disease, steatorrhea, or complications from fat soluble vitamin absorption.
4) Diagnosis is confirmed by mass spectrometry or other biochemical testing or genetic testing (attach results); and
5) Baseline liver function tests are taken prior to initiation of therapy (AST, ALT, GGT, ALP, total bilirubin, INR) and provided with request; and
6) Patient must have elevated serum aminotransferases (AST and ALT) with normal serum gamma glutamyltransferase (GTT); and
7) Patient is at least 3 weeks old.

When criteria for coverage are met, an initial authorization will be given for 3 months. Additional approvals will be granted for 12 months at a time requiring documentation of response to therapy by meeting two of the following criteria:

- Body weight has increased by 10% or is stable at ≥50th percentile,
• Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) < 50 U/L or baseline levels reduced by 80%,
• Total bilirubin level reduced to ≤1mg/dL.

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**Non-Preferred**

Cholbam

**Strength**

**Dosage Instructions**

**Quantity**

**Days Supply**

**Diagnosis:**

**Bile Acid Synthesis Disorder due to SED**

3β-HSD     AKR1D1     AMACR deficiency     CTX     CYP7A1     Smith-Lemli-Opitz

**Peroxisomal Disorder (PD)**

ZWS     NALD     IRD

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach results of diagnosis confirmation by mass spectrometry, biochemical testing, or genetic testing**

**Provider specialty:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach baseline liver function tests prior to initiation of therapy (AST, ALT, GGT, ALP, total bilirubin, INR)**

**Renewal requests:** Provide documentation of adequate response to treatment by meeting two of the following criteria (attach lab results and/or chart notes):

- Body weight has increased by 10% or is stable at ≥50<sup>th</sup> percentile
- ALT or AST < 50 U/L or baseline levels reduced by 80%
- Total bilirubin level reduced to ≤ 1mg/dL

**Attach lab results and other documentation as necessary.**

Prescriber signature (Must match prescriber listed above.)	Date of submission
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In evaluating requests for prior authorization the consultant will consider the treatment from the standpoint of medical necessity only. If approval of this request is granted, this does not indicate that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid. It is the responsibility of the provider who initiates the request for prior authorization to establish by inspection of the member's Medicaid eligibility card and, if necessary by contact with the county Department of Human Services, that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid.