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The Prior Preterm Pregnancy program

To support your efforts in preventing preterm delivery in high-risk pregnant women, Summit Community Care is launching a program to ensure providers are aware of members who may benefit from administration of 17 alpha-hydroxyprogesterone caproate (17P). You will receive an alert listing members on your panel identified through our high-risk screening survey as potential candidates for 17P.

If you wish to prescribe 17P for your patient, we offer the following guidance on how you may obtain 17P for delivery and administration:

- For office administration of 17P, prior authorization is required:
 - Refer to *Clinical Utilization Management Guideline CG-Drug-19* for prior authorization criteria: www.summitcommunitycare.com/provider.
 - Complete the [Prior Authorization](#) form and fax it to 1-844-429-7762 or call 1-844-462-0022.
 - Once prior authorization is obtained, fax the prescription and a copy of the member's ID card to Accredo Specialty Pharmacy at 1-800-824-2642 or call in the prescription to 1-800-870-6419.
- For home health administration, a separate prior authorization is required:
 - Refer to *Clinical Utilization Management Guideline CG-MED-23* for prior authorization: www.summitcommunitycare.com/provider.
 - Prior to requesting home health administration of 17P, verify that 17P has been approved.

Preterm birth (delivery before 37 weeks and zero/seven days of gestation) is a leading cause of infant morbidity and mortality in the United States. For women who have had a spontaneous preterm delivery, the risk for preterm delivery in subsequent pregnancies is 1.5-2 times higher. For pregnant women with a singleton pregnancy and a history of spontaneous preterm delivery, 17P can reduce the risk of preterm birth by approximately 30 percent. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved hydroxyprogesterone caproate injections to reduce the risk of preterm delivery in pregnant women with a history of prior preterm birth. As with any drug, there are risks that may outweigh these benefits.