



# NETWORK Notification

**Notice Date:** January 13, 2025  
**To:** Georgia Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Newborn RSV Prevention

## Summary

CareSource would like to remind providers the medications available to prevent severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) during the newborn period. RSV continues to be one of the top reasons newborns are hospitalized every year.

## Impact

Abrysvo is the only vaccine approved for pregnant people during weeks 32-36 of pregnancy. Beyfortus (Nirsevimab) is an antibody that can be given one time during RSV season in newborns up to 8 months of age. Synagis (Palivizumab) is another antibody given multiple times during RSV season to infants more susceptible to severe RSV infections. If a person receives Abrysvo during 32-36 weeks of pregnancy, the newborn will not need the antibody.

Members may receive the medication during an office visit, in the hospital or at a pharmacy.

## Requirements for RSV Products:

| Georgia Medicaid       | Medical Prior Authorization Required | Pharmacy Prior Authorization Required                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Abrysvo                | No                                   | No; Age limit for VFC redirection (≥19 no PA required) |
| Beyfortus (Nirsevimab) | No                                   | Not Covered  |
| Synagis                | Yes                                  | Yes  |

## Importance

Infants at increased risk of severe RSV disease include premature infants, those with chronic lung or heart disease, and who have a weakened immune system. RSV can lead to severe infection like bronchiolitis and pneumonia. 2-3% of infants with RSV require hospitalization. Vaccinating pregnant people during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester or providing newborns an antibody injection can play an important role in avoiding severe disease and decreasing hospitalization.

## Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Health Partner Services at **1-855-202-1058**, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Time (ET).