

Policy Name:	Somavert (pegvisomant)	Policy #:	2481P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Somavert.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Somavert under the specialty pharmacy benefit when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

- 1. Coverage Criteria for the Treatment of Acromegaly**
 - 1.1 Prescribed by an endocrinologist (hormone doctor)
 - 1.2 Diagnosis of acromegaly
 - 1.3 Age 18 years or older
 - 1.4 High Insulin-like Growth Factor (IGF-1) levels for age (lab values are required)
 - 1.5 Documented inadequate response to surgery or radiotherapy or clinical reason why the patient has not had surgery or radiotherapy
 - 1.6 Documented trial and failure or contraindication to Sandostatin LAR and Somatuline Depot
- 2. Approval Period**
 - 2.1 Initial: 12 months
 - 2.2 Reauthorization: 12 months with documented clinical benefit

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

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