Custom Criteria for
BlueCross Blue Shield of Rhode Island Commercial

SEROSTIM® (somatropin)

GPI CODING:

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DESCRIPTION:

Serostim is indicated for the treatment of HIV patients with wasting or cachexia to increase lean body mass and body weight, and improve physical endurance. Concomitant antiretroviral therapy is necessary.

APPROVAL DURATION:

Approval duration: 1 year

CRITERIA FOR SEROSTIM

Diagnosis of HIV patients with AIDS wasting syndrome

I. Patient has HIV with AIDS wasting syndrome, defined as a greater than 10% of baseline weight loss that cannot be explained by a concurrent illness other than HIV infection
II. Patients treated with GH for AIDS wasting must simultaneously be treated with antiviral therapy