

## Peginterferon Beta-1a (Plegridy®)

### Goal(s):

- Approve therapy for covered diagnosis which are supported by the medical literature.

### Length of Authorization:

- Up to 12 months

### Requires PA:

- Non-preferred drugs

### Covered Alternatives:

- Preferred alternatives listed at [www.orpdl.org](http://www.orpdl.org)

### Approval Criteria

1. What diagnosis is being treated?	Record ICD10 code.	
2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsing-remitting Multiple Sclerosis?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #3.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny for medical appropriateness.
3. Will the prescriber consider a change to a Preferred MS product?	<b>Yes:</b> Inform provider of covered alternatives in the class. Additional information can be found at <a href="http://www.orpdl.org">www.orpdl.org</a> .	<b>No:</b> Go to #4.
4. Is the medication being prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist?	<b>Yes:</b> Go to #5.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny for medical appropriateness.
5. Does the patient have any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adherence issues necessitating less frequent administration</li> <li>• Dexterity issues limiting ability to administer subcutaneous injections</li> </ul>	<b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to one year.	<b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; Deny for medical appropriateness.

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