BlueCross BlueShield
Federal Employee Program

ARANESP
PRIOR APPROVAL REQUEST

Send completed form to:
Service Benefit Plan
Prior Approval
P.O. Box 52080 MC 139
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2080
Attn. Clinical Services
Fax: 1-877-378-4727

Additional information is required to process your claim for prescription drugs. Please complete the patient portion, and have the prescribing physician complete the physician portion and submit this completed form.

Patient Information (required)			**Provider Information (required)**		
Date:			Provider Name:		
Patient Name:			Specialty:	NPI:	
Date of Birth:	Sex: ❑Male ❑Female		Office Phone:	Office Fax:	
Street Address:			Office Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Patient ID: **R**			Physician Signature:		
PHYSICIAN COMPLETES					

Aranesp

(darbepoetin alfa)

****Check www.fepblue.org/formulary to confirm which medication is part of the patient's benefit**

NOTE: Form must be completed in its **entirety** for processing

Is this request for brand or generic? ❑Brand ❑Generic

1. What is the patient's diagnosis?

❑Anemia associated with chronic renal failure ***(Approval cannot be given unless all lab values are provided)***

a. What is the patient's serum ferritin level in nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL)? _____ ng/mL

b. Was the serum ferritin level obtained with the last three months? ❑Yes ❑No

c. Has the patient been on Aranesp continuously for the last **4 months**, excluding samples? ***Please select answer below***

❑**NO** – this is **INITIATION** of therapy, please answer the following question:

i. What is the patient's ***hemoglobin level in grams per deciliter (g/dL)? _____ g/dL

If hemoglobin level is greater than or equal to 10g/dL, will the dose be held or reduced until hemoglobin level is less than 10 grams per deciliter (g/dL)? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**YES** – this is a PA renewal for **CONTINUATION** of therapy, please answer the following questions:

i. Is the patient on dialysis? ***Please select answer below***

❑**Yes**: What is the patient's ***hemoglobin level in grams per deciliter (g/dL)? _____ g/dL

If hemoglobin level is greater than 11g/dL, will the dose be held or reduced until the hemoglobin level is less than or equal to 11 grams per deciliter (g/dL)? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**No**: What is the patient's ***hemoglobin level in grams per deciliter (g/dL)? _____ g/dL

If hemoglobin level is greater than 10g/dL, will the dose be held or reduced until the hemoglobin level is less than or equal to 10 grams per deciliter (g/dL)? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Anemia associated with Hepatitis C (HCV) treatment

❑Anemia secondary to chemotherapy

a. Is patient receiving concomitant myelosuppresive therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Is the anticipated outcome **CURE** of cancer? ❑Yes ❑No

c. Can the patient's anemia be managed by transfusions? ❑Yes ❑No

d. Are there two or more additional months of chemotherapy planned for the patient? ❑Yes ❑No

e. Will Aranesp be discontinued upon the completion of the chemotherapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)

❑Other diagnosis ***(please specify)***: _____

2. Is Aranesp be used in combination with another erythropoiesis stimulating agent? ❑Yes* ❑No

If YES, please specify the medication: _____

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Message:

Attached is a Prior Authorization request form.

For your convenience, there are 3 ways to complete a Prior Authorization request:

Electronically Online (ePA) Results in 2-3 **minutes** **FASTEST AND EASIEST**	Now you can get responses to drug Prior Authorization requests **securely** online. **Online** submissions may receive **instant** responses and do not require faxing or phone calls. Requests can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For more information on electronic prior authorization (ePA) and to register, go to **Caremark.com/ePA.**
Phone (4-5 **minutes** for response)	The FEP Clinical Call Center can be reached at **(877)-727-3784** between the hours of 7AM-9PM Eastern Time. A live representative will assist with the Prior Authorization, asking for the same information contained on the attached form. Please review the form and have your answers ready for faster service. The process over the phone takes on average between 4 and 5 minutes.
Fax (3-5 **days** for response)	Fax the attached form to **(877)-378-4727**. Requests sent via fax will be processed and responded to within 5 business days. The form must be filled out completely, if there is any missing information the Prior Authorization request cannot be processed. ***Please only fax the completed form once as duplicate submissions may delay processing times.***