

# HEPATITIS C TREATMENT

Approval may be given by the PA Nurse if the member meets ALL the following criteria:

## For initial treatment

1. Elevated HCV RNA titer
2. Elevated ALT level
3. Liver biopsy or "Fibersure Test" shows fibrosis plus moderate inflammation
4. Identification of genotype as 1,2, or 3
5. No history of liver transplantation
6. Documentation or discussion about abstinence from ETOH/IV drug use and patient agreement to random urine drug screens
7. Currently not being treated for depression or has behavioral health clearance for treatment.

If above criteria is met as determined by the Medical Director, approve 12 weeks of Pegasys

## Renewals

After 12 weeks, if the HCV titers have decreased in value, the request can be renewed.

For **Genotype 1**, approve **36 additional weeks**.

For **Genotype 2 or 3**, approve **12 additional weeks**.

## Retreatment

If the patient had been previously treated, the request can be approved by the Medical Director if the following criteria are met:

1. Documentation shows abstinence from ETOH and IV drug abuse.
2. Documentation shows previous compliance with treatment
3. Above criteria for "initial" criteria met

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**References:** See attached "Up To Date" for literature review.

### **Approved by:**

Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

Date: 5/20/04

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