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SECTION 1 - GASTROENTEROLOGIST OR INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALIST INFORMATION

Name and Mailing Address
College ID (use ONLY College ID number) Phone Number (include area code)
Prescriber's Fax Number
CRITICAL FOR A TIMELY RESPONSE

SECTION 2 - PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient (Family) Name
Patient (Given) Name(s)
Date of Birth (YYYY / MM / DD) Date of Application (YYYY / MM / DD)
Personal Health Number (PHN)
CRITICAL FOR PROCESSING

SECTION 3 - COVERAGE CRITERIA FOR RIFAXIMIN, 550 MG TWICE DAILY

RIFAXIMIN 550MG: 9901-0293

Prescriber authorizing this request is a gastroenterologist or an internal medicine specialist.

3A Initial Coverage Criteria (6 months)

- Rifaximin taken in combination with lactulose for reducing the risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence in patients who also meet the following criteria:
Have been hospitalized with HE associated with cirrhosis of the liver AND
Are unable to achieve adequate control despite taking the maximum tolerated dose of lactulose.

3B Exceptional Renewal of Coverage (1 year)

Describe specific details demonstrating benefit and tolerability, including frequency of hospital admission compared to pre-treatment
Provide current lactulose dosing regimen

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I have discussed with the patient that the purpose of releasing their information to PharmaCare is to obtain Special Authority for prescription coverage and for the purposes set out here.

Prescriber's Signature (Mandatory)

PharmaCare may request additional documentation to support this Special Authority request. Actual reimbursement is subject to the rules of a patient's PharmaCare plan, including any annual deductible requirement, and to any other applicable PharmaCare pricing policy.

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