Dear Clinician,

What follows is a templated Sample Letter of Appeal for Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection. The template includes placeholders for the information your patient’s insurance company will expect when evaluating treatment necessity.

The goal of this template is to streamline the treatment authorization process so that you can submit a comprehensive and impactful appeal efficiently—and your patient can begin treatment as soon as possible. The brackets and checkboxes in red indicate the parts of the template for you to complete.

We hope you find this template to be a helpful tool that may expedite the authorization process for both you and your patient.

Please note that this letter is provided as an example and is not a guarantee of insurance coverage or reimbursement. Coverage and reimbursement may vary significantly by payer, plan, patient, and setting of care. It is the sole responsibility of the health care provider to include the proper information and ensure the accuracy of all statements used in seeking coverage and reimbursement for an individual patient.

**Indication**

Treprostinil Injection is a prostacyclin vasodilator indicated for

* Treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), World Health Organization (WHO) Group 1, to diminish symptoms associated with exercise. Studies establishing effectiveness included patients with New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Class II-IV symptoms and etiologies of idiopathic or heritable PAH (58%), PAH associated with congenital systemic-to-pulmonary shunts (23%), or PAH associated with connective tissue diseases (19%).
* Patients who require transition from epoprostenol to reduce the rate of clinical deterioration. The risks and benefits of each drug should be carefully considered prior to transition.

**Important Safety Information**

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

None

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

* Chronic intravenous (IV) infusions delivered using an external infusion pump with an indwelling central venous catheter are associated with the risk of bloodstream infections (BSIs) and sepsis, which may be fatal. Therefore, continuous subcutaneous (SC) infusion is the preferred mode of administration.
* Do not abruptly lower the dose or withdraw dosing.
* Treprostinil Injection may cause symptomatic hypotension.
* Titrate slowly in patients with hepatic or renal insufficiency because such patients will likely be exposed to greater systemic concentrations relative to patients with normal hepatic or renal function.
* Treprostinil Injection inhibits platelet aggregation and increases the risk of bleeding.

**Please see additional Important Safety Information on next page and** [**full Prescribing Information**](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/fda/fdaDrugXsl.cfm?setid=473297ca-a872-4052-a053-87dc8f0d3c13&type=display) **for Treprostinil Injection.**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

During clinical trials with SC infusion of treprostinil, infusion site pain and infusion site reaction (e.g. erythema, induration or rash) were the most common adverse events and occurred in majority of those treated with treprostinil. Infusion site reactions were sometimes severe and led to discontinuation of treatment. Rash and hypotension (14% and 4% respectively) were also commonly reported with SC infusion of treprostinil. Other common adverse events (≥3% more than placebo) included headache, diarrhea, jaw pain, edema, vasodilatation, and nausea, and these are generally considered to be related to the pharmacologic effects of treprostinil, whether administered subcutaneously or intravenously. The adverse reactions reported with treprostinil IV included bloodstream infections, arm swelling, paresthesias, hematoma, and pain.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Treprostinil Injection dosage adjustment may be necessary if inhibitors or inducers of CYP2C8 are added or withdrawn.

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

* Safety and effectiveness of Treprostinil Injection in pediatric patients have not been established.
* It is unknown if geriatric patients respond differently than younger patients. Caution should be used when selecting a dose for geriatric patients.
* There are no adequate and well-controlled studies with Treprostinil Injection in pregnant women.
* It is not known whether Treprostinil Injection is excreted in human milk.

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Sincerely,

Your Liquidia and Sandoz Treprostinil Injection Team

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**Sample Letter of Appeal for Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection**

[Insert clinician letterhead]

[mm/dd/20xx]

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| ATTN: Medical Appeals  [Payer Name]  [Payer Address]  [Payer City, State, ZIP] | **RE: Member Name** [Member Name]  **Member Number** [Member Number]  **Group Number** [Group Number] |

Dear [Title and Name of Medical Director or Appeals Reviewer],

I am writing to request you reconsider your coverage denial of **Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection** for [Patient Name], DOB [Patient DOB: mm/dd/yyyy]. Treatment with Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection is medically appropriate in this situation, and it should be approved for my patient.

It is my understanding that [Plan Name] has denied coverage for the following reasons:

[Explanation of the coverage denial.]

However, [insert summary of your professional opinion of the patient’s likely prognosis without treatment with Treprostinil]. [Include a summary of your credentials in treating PAH].

**Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection is a prostacyclin vasodilator indicated for:1**

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* Patients with PAH requiring transition from epoprostenol to diminish the rate of clinical deterioration. The risks and benefits of each drug should be carefully considered prior to transition.

**I offer the following in support of my recommendation:**

**1. Summary of my patient’s diagnosis**

[Patient Name] was diagnosed with [diagnosis] on [mm/dd/20xx].

**Study and lab results:**

* [result], mm/dd/20xx
* [result], mm/dd/20xx
* [result], mm/dd/20xx
* [result], mm/dd/20xx

My patient’s current condition is [condition].

**2. Summary of my patient’s history**

[Insert a brief summary of patient’s history per your medical judgment].

*\*\*Potential elements to include\*\**

* [Previous therapies/procedures and patient’s response]
* [Previous treatment of PAH, including Treprostinil (if applicable), and patient’s response]
* [Brief description of patient’s recent condition and applicable test results (eg, RHC, acute vasoreactivity testing, echocardiography, WHO Functional Class, oxygen use at rest and with activity, or 6MWT results)]
* [History of patient’s routine and nonroutine visits, including ED, if applicable]

**3. Rationale for treatment**

[Insert summary statement for treatment rationale.]

*\*\*Example summary statement\*\**

I have taken great consideration regarding the patient’s current condition and prognosis. I believe treatment with Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection is medically necessary at this time and should be a covered treatment option for [Patient Name].

*\*\*If you decide to include the full Prescribing Information, include this line. Otherwise, delete\*\**

The full Prescribing Information of Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection provides clinical information that played a key part in making my determination that this is the appropriate treatment.

*\*\*If you decide to include other support documents, include this line. Otherwise, delete\*\**

I have also included with my letter additional documentation to further support my recommendation to treat [Patient Name] with Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection.

Enclosures:

* [Document 1]
* [Document 2]
* [Document 3]

Again, I request that you reconsider your denial of coverage for Sandoz® Treprostinil Injection for [Patient Name]. It is in my opinion to be warranted, appropriate, and medically necessary. If I can provide you with additional information, please contact my office at [Insert phone number].

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[Clinician name and participating provider number]

**References: 1.** Treprostinil Injection [package insert]. Princeton, NJ: Sandoz Inc; 2019.

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