

## **RSV Prevention Update**

### **Neighborhood News – October 2023**

For the 2023-24 respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island will recommend Beyfortus (nirsevimab) administration before the use of Synagis. Beyfortus is an immunization given once every six months. It's intended for all neonates and infants entering their first RSV season, as well as children up to 24 months who are high risk.

Beyfortus will not require prior authorization and will be available as a state-supplied vaccine.

For prescribers wishing to obtain Synagis, which requires six monthly injections, an authorization will be needed. This authorization should document the reasons why Beyfortus isn't suitable for the member in question, along with clinical information that justifies the need for Synagis.