CHEMET® (succimer)

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: Up to 19 days

CLINICAL NOTES: Succimer is an orphan drug used in the treatment of lead poisoning in children whose blood lead concentrations are > 45 mcg/dL. Identification and removal of the source of lead exposure should be accompanied with treatment.

REVIEW CRITERIA:
- Patient must be ≥12 months of age
- Patient must be diagnosed with lead poisoning by a toxicologist/specialist with chelating agents (or in consultation with)
- Blood levels above 45 mcg/dL for children (<18) and above 70mcg/dL for adults (18 and older) (supporting labs must be submitted with request)

CONTINUATION OF THERAPY:
- Clinical rationale from the prescriber for continued therapy
- Blood levels above 45 mcg/dL (supporting labs must be submitted with request)

DOSING & ADMINISTRATION:
Children (≥ 12 months-< 18 years of age):
10 mg/kg every 8 hours for 5 days, then 10 mg/kg every 12 hours for 14 days

Adult patients (≥18 years of age or older) 10 to 30 mg/kg/day for 5 days