

Children’s Health is currently offering Spinraza for the treatment of SMA. Below you will find a step by step guide to assist you in navigating your child through the process.

1. Your son/daughter must be seen in our Neurology Clinic by a Neurologist to determine if Spinraza is an appropriate treatment plan. Please call our office for an appointment at 214-456-2768.
 - If your son/daughter is not an established patient with our Neurology Clinic, a referral may be needed from your Primary Care Provider.
2. Your Neurologist may order additional testing before they determine Spinraza is an appropriate treatment plan for your son/daughter.
3. Once your Neurologist has all the needed information and determines Spinraza is an appropriate treatment plan for your son/daughter, they will place an order for Spinraza.
4. Our expert Case Manager team then will work with your insurance company to obtain a prior-authorization for Spinraza. A prior-authorization must be received before we are able to proceed to the next steps.

Of note:

 - Many insurance providers have not published coverage guidelines for Spinraza. Please refer to our website for up to date guidelines
 - If your insurance company does not have published coverage guidelines, Spinraza will be denied and you will need to work directly with your insurance company to obtain coverage.
5. You will be required to complete a “start form” from Biogen, the maker of Spinraza. The start form allows for the release of your son/daughter’s medical record to Biogen. Biogen may offer financial assistance to some patients.
6. Once a prior-authorization is approved for Spinraza, we will work directly with a specialty pharmacy to obtain the medication. Depending on your insurance company, you may be required to make payment arrangements for Spinraza directly to the specialty pharmacy.
7. Once the medication is delivered to our facility from the specialty pharmacy, we will begin the process to obtain a prior-authorization for your son/daughter’s procedure.
 - You will be notified of your estimated “out of pocket” cost for the procedure.
8. Procedure Day
 - Spinraza is administered by an Anesthesiologist in our main operating room.
 - Some patients require sedation for the procedure.
 - Administration of first dose will require a 23-hour observation hospital stay.
 - Ongoing doses will be completed on an outpatient basis unless medically necessary.
 - Frequency: Please see recommended dosing of Spinraza treatment (attach).
9. You will continue to have regular follow up visits with your Neurologist as needed.

If your insurance company has published coverage guidelines, it will take approximately 6-8 weeks, from the time Spinraza is ordered to the time the first dose of the medication is given.