Galzin Insurance Appeal Template

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Re: Your insured/my patient: [name] [age] [sex]

Dear [Insurance Company]:

I am writing this letter per my patient’s request to provide documentation of the need for the medication Galzin.  Mr./Mrs./Miss [Patient] has a diagnosis of Wilson's disease, which is familial copper toxicity that results in chronic liver and brain injury from copper accumulation and therefore this patient does take the Galzin to block the absorption of the copper and needs to be on Galzin, which inhibits copper absorption.

Galzin has not been prescribed as a mineral supplement; this is an FDA approved formulation of zinc with the precise bioavailability and drug delivery to induce enzymes in the gut to block copper absorption and prevent liver failure, which could result in an expensive liver transplant or death. Galzin was studied in careful clinical trials.  Galzin is the only formulation of zinc approved by the FDA under the orphan drug act for the treatment of Wilson's disease.  Over-the-counter zinc preparations have not been shown to be bio-equivalent in clinical trials for the treatment of Wilson's disease.  Moreover, the manufacturing of over-the-counter zinc preparations is not regulated by the FDA to insure tight pill-to-pill regularity, bioavailability, or absence of toxins for people with Wilson's disease, namely copper.

Mr./Mrs./Miss [Patient] has been maintained on Galzin for Wilson's disease and it is imperative that [he/she] remain on this medication to treat [him/her] for Wilson's disease.  This is by far the safest drug for this patient to be taking and there is no acceptable bioequivalent generic substitute.  It is illegal to substitute over-the-counter zinc for Galzin, as it has not been shown to be bioequivalent. We will report your insurance company to the appropriate regulatory authorities if this is your recommendation.  We do appreciate your consideration of this request.  If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call at [1-xxx-xxx-xxx].

Sincerely,

Dr. XXXXXXXX