

Medical Policy:
Inflammatory Conditions

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Applicable Products:	
Actemra (tocilizumab)	Pyzchiva IV (ustekinumab-ttwe)
Arcalyst (rilonacept)	Selarsdi IV (ustekinumab-aekn)
Avtozma (tocilizumab-anoh)	Selarsdi IV (ustekinumab-aekn)
Cimzia (certolizumab)	Selarsdi SQ (ustekinumab-aekn)
Cosentyx IV (secukinumab)	Simponi Aria (golimumab)
Enbrel (etanercept)	Skyrizi (risankizumab-rzaa)
Entyvio (vedolizumab)	Stelara IV (ustekinumab)
Humira (adalimumab) [including biosimilars]	Stelara SC (ustekinumab)
Imuldosa IV (ustekinumab-srlf)	Steqeyma IV (ustekinumab-stba)
Imuldosa SQ (ustekinumab-srlf)	Steqeyma SQ (ustekinumab-stba)
Ilaris (canakinumab)	Tofidence (tocilizumab-bavi)
Ilumya (tildrakizumab-asmn)	Tyenne (tocilizumab-aazg)
Kevzara (sarilumab)	Tremfya (guselkumab)
Kineret (anakinra)	ustekinumab
Omvoh (mirikizumab-mrkz)	Wezlana (ustekinumab-auub)
Otulfi (ustekinumab-aaaz)	Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce)
Orencia (abatacept)	

Initial Approval Criteria:

Coverage may be approved if all of the following are met:

- Disease-specific criteria; **AND**
- If applicable: Trial and failure, intolerance, or a contraindication to the preferred products as listed in the medical drug list

Crohn's Disease (Cimzia, Entyvio, Humira, Imuldosa, Omvoh, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Skyrizi, Stelara, Steqeyma, Tremfya, Wezlana, Yesintek)

- One of the following:
 - o Patient is 18 years of age or older; **OR**
 - o Patient is 6 years of age or older (Humira only); **OR**
 - o Patient is 2 years of age or older (Stelara only); **AND**
- Patient has moderately to severely active disease and have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy; **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate)

Ulcerative Colitis (Entyvio, Humira, Imuldosa, Omvoh, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Skyrizi, Stelara, Steqeyma, Tremfya, Wezlana, Yesintek)

- One of the following:
 - o Patient is 18 years of age or older; **OR**

- o Patient is 5 years of age or older (Humira only); **AND**
- Patient has moderately to severely active disease ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed conventional therapy (e.g., aminosalicylates, corticosteroids or immunomodulators like azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate)

Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA) (Actemra, Avtozma, Tofidence, Tynne)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has diagnosis of Giant Cell Arteritis (GCA); **AND**
- Treatment with at least 1 systemic corticosteroid (e.g. prednisone) was ineffective and not tolerated

Rheumatoid Arthritis (Cimzia, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Kevzara, Kineret, Orencia, Simponi Aria)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA); **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed previous therapy with at least one oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, hydroxychloroquine, etc.

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (Actemra, Avtozma, Enbrel, Humira, Kevzara, Orencia, Simponi Aria, Tofidence, Tynne)

- One of the following:
 - o Patient weighs 63kg or greater (Kevzara only); **OR**
 - o Patient is 2 years of age or older (all others); **AND**
- Patient has moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA)

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA) (Actemra, Avtozma, Ilaris, Tofidence, Tynne)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Psoriatic Arthritis (Cimzia, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Imuldosa, Orencia, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Simponi Aria, Stelara, Steqeyma, Tremfya, Wezlana, Yesintek)

- Patient has active psoriatic arthritis (PsA); **AND**
- One of the following:
 - o Patient is 18 years of age or older (Cimzia, Enbrel, and Humira only)
 - o Patient is 2 years of age or older (Cosentyx, Orencia, and Simponi Aria only)
 - o Patient is 6 years of age or older (Imuldosa, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Stelara, Steqeyma, Wezlana, Yesintek only)
 - o Patient is 6 years of age or older and weighs > 40 kg (Tremfya only); **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed previous therapy with at least one oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, hydroxychloroquine, etc.

Juvenile Psoriatic Arthritis (Enbrel)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has active juvenile psoriatic arthritis (JPsa)

Ankylosing Spondylitis (Cimzia, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Simponi Aria)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has active ankylosing spondylitis (AS); **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed at least one non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent (NSAID)

Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (Cimzia, Cosentyx)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) with objective signs of inflammation; **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed at least one non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent (NSAID)

Plaque Psoriasis (Cimzia, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Imuldosa, Ilumya, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Skyrizi, Stelara, Steqeyma, Tremfya, Wezlana, Yesintek)

- Patient has moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis (PsO); **AND**
- Patient is a candidate for systemic therapy or phototherapy; **AND**
- One of the following:
 - Patient is 18 years of age or older (Cimzia, Humira, Ilumya, Skyrizi only)
 - Patient is 6 years of age or older (Cosentyx, Imuldosa, Otulfi, Pyzchiva, Selarsdi, Stelara, Steqeyma, Wezlana, Yesintek only)
 - Patient is 6 years of age or older and weighs > 40 kg (Tremfya only)
 - Patient is 4 years of age or older (Enbrel only); **AND**
- Patient tried and failed at least one topical agents (i.e., corticosteroids, emollients, immunosuppressives, keratolytics, retinoic acid derivatives, etc.); **AND**
- Patient tried and failed at least one non-biologic systemic agent (i.e., immunosuppressives, retinoic acid derivatives, methotrexate, etc.)

Enthesitis-Related Arthritis (Cosentyx)

- Patient is 4 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has active enthesitis-related arthritis (ERA); **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed at least one corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g. azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate)

Hidradenitis Suppurativa (Cosentyx, Humira)

- One of the following:
 - Patient is 18 years of age or older (Cosentyx only); **OR**
 - Patient is 12 years of age or older (Humira only); **AND**
- Patient has moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (HS)

Prophylaxis for Acute Graft versus Host Disease (Orencia)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Agent will be used in combination with a calcineurin inhibitor and methotrexate; **AND**
- Patient is undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) from a matched or 1 allele-mismatched unrelated-donor

Uveitis (Humira)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has a diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate uveitis, posterior uveitis, or panuveitis

Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD) (Actemra, Avtozma, Tofidence, Tyenne)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has a diagnosis of SSc-ILD

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) (Actemra, Avtozma, Tofidence, Tyenne)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell-induced severe or life-threatening cytokine release syndrome

Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR) (Kevzara)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has polymyalgia rheumatica and has had an inadequate response to corticosteroids or cannot tolerate a corticosteroid taper

Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS) (Kineret)

- Patient has Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID); **AND**
- Patient is not receiving concomitant therapy with another systemic immunomodulator

Deficiency of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist (DIRA) (Arcalyst, Kineret)

- Arcalyst
 - o Patient weighs at least 10kg; **AND**
 - o Patient has diagnosis of deficiency of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist; **AND**
 - o Arcalyst is used for the maintenance of remission of DIRA; **AND**
 - o Patient is not receiving concomitant therapy with another systemic immunomodulator
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- Kineret
 - o Patient has diagnosis of deficiency of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist; **AND**
 - o Patient is not receiving concomitant therapy with another systemic immunomodulator

Recurrent Pericarditis (Arcalyst)

- Patient is 12 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has diagnosis of recurrent pericarditis and product is being used for the reduction in risk of recurrence

Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes, Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome and Muckle-Wells Syndrome (Arcalyst)

- Patient is 12 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient has a diagnosis of Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes, Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome, or Muckle-Wells Syndrome

Renewal Criteria:

Coverage may be renewed if all of the following are met:

- Patient continues to meet Initial Approval Criteria; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity

Length of Authorization:

12 months

This policy is designed to address medical guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness, or condition. Each person's unique clinical or other circumstances may warrant individual consideration, based on review of applicable medical records, as well as other regulatory, contractual and/or legal requirements.

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