



Request for Prior Authorization
BIOLOGICALS FOR ARTHRITIS

(PLEASE PRINT - ACCURACY IS IMPORTANT)

Form with fields for IA Medicaid Member ID #, Patient name, DOB, Patient address, Provider NPI, Prescriber name, Phone, Prescriber address, Fax, Pharmacy name, Address, Phone, Pharmacy NPI, Pharmacy fax, NDC.

Prior authorization is required for biologicals used for arthritis. Request must adhere to all FDA approved labeling. Payment for non-preferred biologicals for arthritis will be considered only for cases in which there is documentation of previous trials and therapy failures with two preferred biological agents.

In addition to the above:

Requests for TNF Inhibitors: 1) Patient has not been treated for solid malignancies, nonmelanoma skin cancer, or lymphoproliferative malignancy within the last 5 years of starting or resuming treatment with a biological agent;

Requests for Interleukins: Medication will not be given concurrently with live vaccines.

The required trials may be overridden when documented evidence is provided that use of these agents would be medically contraindicated.

Preferred

- Enbrel
Humira
Taltz (after step through one preferred TNF)

Non-Preferred

- Actemra
Cimzia (prefilled syringe)
Cosentyx
Ilaris
Kevzara
Kineret
Orencia
Simponi
Stelara

Strength Dosage Instructions Quantity Days Supply

Screening for Hepatitis B: Date: Active Disease: Yes No

Screening for Hepatitis C: Date: Active Disease: Yes No

Screening for Latent TB infection: Date: Results:

Requests for TNF Inhibitors:

Has patient received treatment for solid malignancies, nonmelanoma skin cancer, or lymphoproliferative malignancy within last 5 years of starting or resuming treatment with a biologic agent? Yes No

Does patient have a diagnosis of NYHA class III or IV CHF diagnosis with ejection fraction of 50% or less? Yes No

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Requests for Interleukins:

Will medication be given concurrently with live vaccines? Yes No

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) (Humira, Enbrel, Actemra, Cimzia, Kineret, Orencia, Simponi, Kevzara)-
Payment will be considered upon a trial and inadequate response to two preferred disease modifying
antirheumatic drugs (DMARD) used concurrently. The combination must include methotrexate plus another
preferred oral DMARD (hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine, or leflunomide). Upon an unsuccessful
methotrexate trial in patients with established RA, the combination trial with a second DMARD may be
overridden if there is evidence of severe disease documented by radiographic erosions.

Methotrexate trial: Dose: _____ Trial dates: _____
Failure reason: _____

Plus preferred oral DMARD trial: Drug Name & Dose: _____ Trial dates: _____
Failure reason: _____

Radiographic evidence indicating erosions: Yes No

Psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe (Cimzia, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Simponi, Stelara, Taltz)-
Payment will be considered upon a trial and inadequate response to the preferred oral DMARD, methotrexate
(leflunomide or sulfasalazine may be used if methotrexate is contraindicated).

Methotrexate or preferred oral DMARD trial: Drug Name & Dose: _____
Trial dates: _____ Failure reason: _____
Methotrexate contraindication if applicable: _____

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis, moderate to severe (Enbrel, Humira, Actemra, Orencia, Ilaris)-
Payment will be considered upon a trial and inadequate response to intraarticular glucocorticoid injections and
the preferred oral DMARD, methotrexate (leflunomide or sulfasalazine may be used if methotrexate is
contraindicated).

Intraarticular Glucocorticoid Injections: Drug Name & Dose: _____ Trial dates: _____
Failure reason: _____

Plus methotrexate or preferred oral DMARD trial: Drug Name & Dose: _____
Trial dates: _____ Failure reason: _____
Methotrexate contraindication if applicable: _____

Reason for use of Non-Preferred drug requiring prior approval: _____

Other medical conditions to consider: _____

Attach lab results and other documentation as necessary.

Prescriber signature (Must match prescriber listed above.)	Date of submission
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IMPORTANT NOTE: In evaluating requests for prior authorization the consultant will consider the treatment from the standpoint of medical necessity only. If approval of this request is granted, this does not indicate that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid. It is the responsibility of the provider who initiates the request for prior authorization to establish by inspection of the member's Medicaid eligibility card and, if necessary by contact with the county Department of Human Services, that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid.