



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
BUREAU FOR MEDICAL SERVICES



Office of Pharmacy Service  
Prior Authorization Criteria

Cytokine & CAM antagonist criteria  
**Effective 11/21/2019**  
[Prior Authorization Request Form](#)

Prior Authorization for any agent in this class requires the following criteria to be met. Additional criteria may be required for specific indications; off-label requests require an appeal:

- **Diagnoses Must Accompany All Requests**
- Patient must meet the minimum age recommended by the manufacturer for the FDA-approved indication; **AND**
- Initial treatment plan must be done by, or in consultation with an appropriate specialist (such as a dermatologist, gastroenterologist or rheumatologist); **AND**
- A negative tuberculin skin test must be submitted prior to initiation of therapy.
- Off-label use must be appealed to the Medical Director and be accompanied with a letter from the prescriber detailing the clinical rationale for the request.
- *DMARD refers to a non-biologic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug and includes such agents as methotrexate (MTX), sulfasalazine, leflunomide, and cyclosporine among other agents).*

**THE FOLLOWING INDICATION-SPECIFIC CRITERIA MUST ALSO BE SATISFIED:**

- **Ankylosing spondylitis, Plaque Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis:**
  - **Plaque psoriasis:** Preferred agents require evidence of failure after at least 90 days of topical therapy\* with two different agents classified as an emollient, corticosteroid, topical retinoid or vitamin D analog. A 90-day trial of one DMARD (or a systemic retinoid such as acitretin) is also required.  
*\*Topical therapy requirement is waived for moderate-to-severe disease affecting at least 5% of the BSA or crucial body areas such as the hands, feet, face, neck, genitals/groin, or intertriginous areas.*
  - **Psoriatic Arthritis:** Preferred agents require a 90-day trial of one DMARD.
  - **Ankylosing Spondylitis:** Preferred agents require failure of two 30-day trials of NSAIDs.
  - Note: Cosentyx may be authorized only after a 90-day trial of either Humira or Enbrel.
  - Non-preferred agents require 90-day trials of Enbrel, Humira and Cosentyx.
- **Rheumatoid arthritis:**
  - Humira and Enbrel each require a 90-day trial a DMARD.
  - Non-preferred agents require 90-day trials each of one DMARD, and Enbrel and Humira.
- **Juvenile idiopathic arthritis:**
  - Humira and Enbrel each require a 90-day trial of a DMARD.
  - Non-preferred agents require 90-day trials each of one DMARD, and Enbrel and Humira.



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- **Crohn's Disease (Adult and Pediatric):**
  - Humira may be authorized upon demonstration of an inadequate response to at least one 14-day trial of corticosteroids or an immunomodulator such as azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate.
  - In addition to the above criteria, non-preferred agents require a 90-day trial of Humira.
  
- **Ulcerative Colitis:**
  - Humira may be authorized upon demonstration of an inadequate response to at least a thirty (30) day course of aminosalicylates (e.g. sulfasalazine, mesalamine) requiring treatment for two (2) or more exacerbations using corticosteroids, such as prednisone.
  - In addition to the above criteria, non-preferred agents require a 90-day trial of Humira.
  
- **Hidradenitis suppurativa:**
  - Humira may be authorized with documentation indicating that the patient has severe disease (Hurley stage III) OR moderate disease (Hurley state II) despite treatment with an oral formulary tetracycline (i.e., doxycycline) OR topical clindamycin.
  
- **Uveitis:**
  - Humira may be authorized for a diagnosis of non-infectious uveitis and failure to respond to an appropriate trial of oral/topical corticosteroid therapy, unless contraindicated.

**Table 1 FDA-approved indications – (Preferred agents highlighted). Current on 2/22/2019**

		Ankylosing Spondylitis	Plaque Psoriasis	Psoriatic Arthritis	Polyarticular JIA	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Crohn's Disease	Pediatric Crohn's Disease	Ulcerative Colitis	Hidradenitis Suppurativa	Uveitis	Cytokine Release Syndrome	Giant Cell arteritis	Systemic JIA	Periodic Fever Syndromes	Mechanism of Action
<b>Humira</b>	adalimumab	☑	☑	☑	≥ 2 y	☑	≥ 6 y	☑	☑	☑	≥ 12 y	☑	☑			Anti-TNF
<b>Ebrel</b>	etanercept	☑	☑	☑	≥ 4 y	☑										Anti-TNF
<b>Cosentyx</b>	secukinumab	☑	☑	☑												Anti-IL-17A
<b>Cimzia</b>	certolizumab pegol	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑									Anti-TNF
<b>Remicade</b>	infliximab	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑		☑							Anti-TNF
<b>Renflexis</b>	infliximab	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑		☑							Anti-TNF
<b>Simponi</b>	golimumab	☑	☑	☑					☑							Anti-TNF
<b>Actemra</b>	tocilizumab				☑	☑					☑	☑	☑			Anti-IL-6
<b>Entyvio</b>	vedolizumab						☑		☑							Select. adhesion mol. inhib.
<b>Illaris</b>	canakinumab												☑	☑		IL-1 Beta Inhibitor
<b>Kevzara</b>	sarilumab					☑										Anti-IL-6
<b>Orencia</b>	abatacept			☑	☑	☑										Select. T-Cell costim. blocker
<b>Otezla</b>	apremilast		☑	☑												PDE-4 Enzyme Inhibitor
<b>Siliq</b>	brodalumab		☑													Anti-IL-17A
<b>Stelara</b>	ustekinumab		☑	☑			☑									Anti-IL-12/23
<b>Taltz</b>	ixekizumab		☑	☑												Anti-IL-17A
<b>Tremfya</b>	guselkumab		☑													Anti-IL-23
<b>Xeljanz</b>	tofacitinib			☑		☑			☑							JAK inhibitor



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**Table 1.2 Drugs by Indication - (Alternate view - Preferred agents highlighted). Current on 2/22/2019**

	Humira	Ebril	Cosentyx	Cimzia	Remicade	Renflexis	Symponi	Actemra	Entyvio	Ilaris	Keytrava	Orencia	Otezla	Siliq	Stelara	Taltz	Tremfya	Xeljanz
Ankylosing Spondylitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Plaque Psoriasis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 4 y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Psoriatic Arthritis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Polyarticular JIA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 2 y	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 2 y						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rheumatoid Arthritis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crohn's Disease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 6 y			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Pediatric Crohn's Disease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																	
Ulcerative Colitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hidradenitis Suppurativa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 12																	
Uveitis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ≥ 2 y																	
Cytokine Release Syndrome								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
Giant Cell arteritis								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
Systemic JIA								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									
Periodic Fever Syndromes									<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>									