



Actemra

Prior Authorization Request

CVS Caremark administers the prescription benefit plan for the patient identified. This patient's benefit plan requires prior authorization for certain medications in order for the drug to be covered. To make an appropriate determination, providing the most accurate diagnosis for the use of the prescribed medication is necessary. **Please respond below and fax this form to CVS Caremark toll-free at 1-855-330-1720.** If you have questions regarding the prior authorization, please contact CVS Caremark at **1-888-877-0518**. For inquiries or questions related to the patient's eligibility, drug copay or medication delivery; please contact the Specialty Customer Care Team: CaremarkConnect® 1-800-237-2767.

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Patient's Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Patient's ID: _____ **Patient's Date of Birth:** _____
Physician's Name: _____
Specialty: _____ **NPI#:** _____
Physician Office Telephone: _____ **Physician Office Fax:** _____

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Fax: _____ **Phone:** _____

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

Required Demographic Information:

Patient Weight: _____ *kg*

Patient Height: _____ *cm*

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Exception Criteria Questions:

- A. Is the product being requested for the treatment of one of the following indications?
- Ankylosing spondylitis
 - Crohn's disease
 - Plaque psoriasis
 - Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
 - Psoriatic arthritis
 - Rheumatoid arthritis
- Yes No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- B. These are the preferred products for which coverage is provided for treatment of the following indications:
- Ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis: **Simponi Aria**
 - Plaque psoriasis: **Ilumya**
 - Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis: **Simponi Aria**
 - Crohn's disease: **Entyvio and Stelara IV**
- Can the patient's treatment be switched to a preferred product?
- Yes, *Please obtain Form for preferred product and submit for corresponding PA.*
 No
- If diagnosis is Plaque psoriasis, skip to Question K*
- C. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested product? Yes No, *If No, skip to Question E*
- D. Is the patient currently receiving the requested product through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? If unknown, answer Yes. Yes No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- E. What is the diagnosis?
- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ankylosing spondylitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Crohn's disease, <i>skip to Question I</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psoriatic arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, <i>skip to Question M</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, <i>skip to Site of Service Questions</i> |
- F. Is the request for an adult patient (18 years of age or older)? Yes No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- G. Does the patient have a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to the preferred product (Simponi Aria)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).***
 Yes, *skip to Site of Service Questions* No
- H. Does the patient have one of the following documented clinical reasons to avoid the preferred product that is a TNF inhibitors (Simponi Aria)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).***
- Not applicable – Requested medical is a TNF inhibitor *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - Yes – History of demyelinating disorder, *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - Yes – History of congestive heart failure *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - Yes – History of hepatitis B virus infection *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - Yes – Autoantibody formation/lupus-like syndrome (attributed to TNF inhibitor) *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - Yes – Risk of lymphoma *skip to Site of Service Questions*
 - No – None of the above *skip to Site of Service Questions*
- I. Is the request for an adult patient (18 years of age or older)? Yes No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- J. Does the patient have a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to both of the preferred products (Entyvio and Stelara IV)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).*** *If Yes or No, skip to Site of Service Questions* Yes No
- K. Is the request for an adult patient (18 years of age or older) Yes No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- L. Does the patient have a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to the preferred product indicated for plaque psoriasis (Ilumya)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).*** *If Yes or No, skip to Site of Service Questions* Yes No

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- M. Is the request for a patient 2 years of age or older? Yes No *If No, skip to Criteria Questions*
- N. Does the patient have a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to the preferred product indicated for polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (Simponi Aria)? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).** *If Yes, skip to Site of Service Questions* Yes No
- O. Does the patient have one of the following documented clinical reasons to avoid the preferred product that is a TNF inhibitor (Simponi Aria)? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', attach supporting chart note(s).**
- Not applicable – requested medication is a TNF inhibitor]
 - Yes – History of demyelinating disorder
 - Yes – History of congestive heart
 - Yes – History of congestive heart failure
 - Yes – Autoantibody formation/lupus-like syndrome (attributed to TNF inhibitor)
 - Yes – Risk of lymphoma
 - No – None of the above

Site of Service Questions:

- A. Where will this drug be administered?
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulatory surgical, <i>skip to Clinical Questions</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Home infusion, <i>skip to Clinical Questions</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-campus Outpatient Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> On-campus Outpatient Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician office, <i>skip to Clinical Questions</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy, <i>skip to Clinical Questions</i> |
- B. Is this request to continue previously established treatment with the requested medication?
- Yes, this is a continuation of an existing treatment
 - No, this is a new therapy request (patient has not received requested medication in the last 6 months), *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions*
- C. Has the patient experienced an adverse event with the requested product that have not responded to conventional interventions (e.g. acetaminophen, steroids, diphenhydramine, fluids or other pre-medications) or a severe adverse event (anaphylaxis, anaphylactoid reactions, myocardial infarction, thromboembolism, or seizures) during or immediately after an infusion? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach supporting clinical documentation.**
- Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- D. Is the patient medically unstable which may include respiratory, cardiovascular, or renal conditions that may limit the member's ability to tolerate a large volume or load or predispose the member to a severe adverse event that cannot be managed in an alternate setting without appropriate medical personnel and equipment? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach supporting clinical documentation.**
- Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- E. Does the patient have severe venous access issues that require the use of a special interventions only available in the outpatient hospital setting? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach supporting clinical documentation.**
- Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- F. Does the patient have significant behavioral issues and/or physical or cognitive impairment that would impact the safety of the infusion therapy AND the patient does not have access to a caregiver? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach supporting clinical documentation.** Yes No

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Clinical Criteria Questions:

1. Has the patient been diagnosed with any of the following?
 - Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
 - Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA)
 - Oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
 - Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA)
 - Giant cell arteritis
 - Systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD)
 - Unicentric Castleman's disease
 - Multicentric Castleman's disease
 - Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis
 - Cytokine release syndrome
 - Acute graft versus host disease
 - Other _____
2. What is the ICD-10 code? _____
3. Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g., Olumiant, Otezla, Xeljanz)? Yes No
4. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz) associated with an increased risk of tuberculosis (TB)? *If Yes, skip to Diagnosis Section*
 Yes No
5. Has the patient had a tuberculosis (TB) test (e.g., tuberculosis skin test [PPD], interferon-release assay [IGRA], chest x-ray) within 6 months of initiating therapy? Yes No
6. What were the results of the tuberculosis (TB) test?
 Positive for TB Negative for TB, *skip to Diagnosis Section* Unknown
7. Which of the following applies to the patient?
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been initiated
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been completed
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has not been initiated
 - Patient has active TB

Complete the following section based on the patient's diagnosis, if applicable.

Section A: Rheumatoid Arthritis

8. Has the patient been diagnosed with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)?
 Yes No
9. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #31*
10. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #31.* Yes No Unknown
11. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous *If SC, skip to #22*
12. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg? *If Yes, skip to #16* Yes No
13. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No
14. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
15. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.*** _____% *No further questions*
16. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No

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17. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
18. Please select the situation that applies to the patient.
 Patient is continuing therapy on current dose
 Prescriber is increasing dose *Skip to #21*
 Prescriber is decreasing dose
19. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
20. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.*** _____% *No further questions*
21. Does the patient require an increased dose due to lack of clinical response at the current dose?
 Yes No *No further questions*
22. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
23. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 100 kg, skip to #28*
24. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY OTHER WEEK?
 Yes No *If No, skip to #28*
25. Please select the situation that applies to the patient.
 Patient is continuing therapy at current frequency *Skip to #28*
 Prescriber is increasing dosing frequency
26. Does the patient require an increased dosing frequency due to lack of clinical response? Yes No
27. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK? Yes No *No further questions*
28. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK? Yes No
29. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
30. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.*** _____% *No further questions*
31. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Xeljanz) that is indicated for moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #37.*** Yes No
32. Does the patient meet either of the following: a) the patient was tested for the rheumatoid factor (RF) biomarker and the RF biomarker test was positive, or b) the patient was tested for the anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) biomarker and the anti-CCP biomarker test was positive? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing and skip to #34***
 Yes No
33. Has the patient been tested for all of the following biomarkers: a) rheumatoid factor (RF), b) anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP), and c) C-reactive protein (CRP) and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing.*** Yes No
34. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response after at least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate at a dose greater than or equal to 15 mg per week? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #37*** Yes No

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35. Has the patient experienced an intolerance to methotrexate? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #37** Yes No
36. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.** Yes No
If Yes, indicate the contraindication: _____
37. What is the route of administration?
 Intravenous Subcutaneous, skip to #40
38. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg? Yes No
39. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No *No further questions*
40. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
41. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 100 kg, skip to #43*
42. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every other week? Yes No *No further questions*
43. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No
- Section B: Polyarticular and Oligoarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**
44. Has the patient been diagnosed with active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA)? Yes No
45. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #49*
46. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #49.* Yes No Unknown
47. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
48. Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.**
 Number of joints with active arthritis (e.g., swelling, pain, limitation of motion), skip to #53
 Number of joints with limitation of movement, skip to #53
 Functional ability, skip to #53
 None of the above
49. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) indicated for active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #53.** Yes No
50. Has the patient had an inadequate response to methotrexate or another non-biologic DMARD administered at an adequate dose and duration? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #53.** Yes No
51. Does the patient have any of the following risk factors?
 Positive rheumatoid factor Positive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies
 Pre-existing joint damage None of the above
52. Does the patient meet any of the following?
 High-risk joints are involved (e.g., cervical spine, wrist, or hip) High disease activity
 High risk for disabling joint disease None of the above
53. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous *If SC, skip to #58*

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54. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No
55. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg, *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #57*
56. Does the prescribed dose exceed 10 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
57. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
58. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
59. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #61*
60. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 3 weeks?
 Yes No *No further questions*
61. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No

Section C: Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (sJIA)

62. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #66*
63. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #66* Yes No Unknown
64. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
65. Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.**
 Number of joints with active arthritis (e.g., swelling, pain, limitation of motion), *skip to #68*
 Number of joints with limitation of movement, *skip to #68*
 Functional ability, *skip to #68*
 Systemic symptoms (e.g., fevers, evanescent skin rashes), *skip to #68*
 None of the above
66. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) indicated for active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #68** Yes No
67. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to ANY of the following? *If Yes, please indicate. ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.*
 Yes - At least 1 month trial of NSAIDs
 Yes - At least 2 weeks of treatment with corticosteroids
 Yes - At least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate
 Yes - At least 3 months of treatment with leflunomide
 No - No history of an inadequate response to any of the above
68. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous *If SC, skip to #73*
69. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No
70. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg, *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #72*
71. Does the prescribed dose exceed 12 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
72. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
73. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
74. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #76*

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75. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks?
 Yes No *No further questions*
76. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section D: Unicentric Castleman's Disease

77. Is this a request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #80*
78. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?
 Yes No Unknown *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #80*
79. Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression on the current regimen?
 Yes No *If Yes or No, skip to #87*
80. Has the patient been tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) Yes No
81. What were the results of the HIV test? Positive Negative Unknown
82. Has the patient been tested for herpesvirus-8? Yes No
83. What were the results of the herpesvirus-8 test? Positive Negative Unknown
84. Is the disease relapsed or refractory? Yes No
85. Will the requested drug be used as second-line therapy? Yes No
86. Will the requested drug be used as monotherapy? Yes No
87. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No
88. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous
89. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
90. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No

Section E: Multicentric Castleman's Disease

91. Is this a request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #94*
92. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? Yes No Unknown *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #94*
93. Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression on the current regimen?
 Yes No *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #97*
94. Is the disease relapsed/refractory or progressive? Yes No
95. Will the requested drug be used as second-line therapy? Yes No
96. Will the requested drug be used as monotherapy? Yes No
97. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No
98. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous
99. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
100. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No

Section F: Immunotherapy-Related Inflammatory Arthritis

101. Is the disease severe or refractory? Yes No

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102.Has the patient tried and not responded to corticosteroids and anti-inflammatory agents? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.** Yes No

103.Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No

104.What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

105.Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No

106.Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section G: Giant Cell Arteritis

107.Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #111*

108.Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #111* Yes No Unknown

109.Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug? Yes No

110.Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response. For any answer except None of the above, check the corresponding box and skip to #113**

- Headaches Scalp tenderness
- Jaw and/or tongue claudication Limb claudication
- Tenderness and/or thickening of superficial temporal arteries
- Constitutional symptoms (e.g., weight loss, fever, fatigue, night sweats)
- Acute visual symptoms (e.g., amaurosis fugax, acute visual loss, diplopia)
- Symptoms of polymyalgia rheumatica (e.g., shoulder and/or hip girdle pain)
- None of the above

111.Has the diagnosis been confirmed by temporal artery biopsy or cross-sectional imaging? *If Yes, skip to #113* Yes No

112.Has the diagnosis been confirmed by acute-phase reactant elevation (i.e., high erythrocyte sedimentation rate [ESR] and/or high serum C-reactive protein [CRP])? Yes No

113.What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

114.Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No

115.Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section H: Cytokine Release Syndrome

116.Has the patient been diagnosed with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell-induced cytokine release syndrome (CRS)? *If Yes, no further questions* Yes No

117.Does the patient have refractory cytokine release syndrome (CRS) related to blinatumomab therapy? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.** Yes No

Section I: Acute Graft versus Host Disease

118.Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to systemic corticosteroids? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #120** Yes No

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119. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication to corticosteroids? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy. If therapy is if not advisable, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.*** Yes No
120. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No
121. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous
122. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
123. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No
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124. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #126*
125. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? Yes No *If No, skip to #127* Unknown
126. Has the diagnosis been confirmed by a high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) study of the chest? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach the radiology report.*** Yes No
127. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous
128. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
129. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Step Therapy Override: Complete if Applicable for the state of Maryland.	Please Circle	
	Yes	No
Is the requested drug being used to treat stage four advanced metastatic cancer?		
Is the requested drug's use consistent with the FDA-approved indication or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs & Biologics Compendium indication for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer and is supported by peer-reviewed medical literature?		
Is the requested drug being used for an FDA-approved indication OR an indication supported in the compendia of current literature (examples: AHFS, Lexicomp, Clinical Pharmacology, Micromedex, current accepted guidelines)?		
Does the prescribed quantity fall within the manufacturer's published dosing guidelines or within dosing guidelines found in the compendia of current literature (examples: package insert, AHFS, Lexicomp, Clinical Pharmacology, Micromedex, current accepted guidelines)?		
Do patient chart notes document the requested drug was ordered with a paid claim at the pharmacy, the pharmacy filled the prescription and delivered to the patient or other documentation that the requested drug was prescribed for the patient in the last 180 days?		
Has the prescriber provided proof documented in the patient chart notes that in their opinion the requested drug is effective for the patient's condition?		

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Step Therapy Override: Complete if Applicable for the state of Virginia.	Please Circle	
Is the requested drug being used for an FDA-approved indication or an indication supported in the compendia of current literature (examples: AHFS, Micromedex, current accepted guidelines)?	Yes	No
Does the prescribed dose and quantity fall within the FDA-approved labeling or within dosing guidelines found in the compendia of current literature?	Yes	No
Is the request for a brand drug that has an AB-rated generic equivalent or interchangeable biological product available?	Yes	No
Has the patient had a trial and failure of the AB-rated generic equivalent or interchangeable biological product due to an adverse event (examples: rash, nausea, vomiting, anaphylaxis) that is thought to be due to an inactive ingredient?	Yes	No
Is the preferred drug contraindicated?	Yes	No
Is the preferred drug expected to be ineffective based on the known clinical characteristics of the patient and the prescription drug regimen?	Yes	No
Has the patient tried the preferred drug while on their current or previous health benefit plan and it was discontinued due to lack of efficacy or effectiveness, diminished effect, or an adverse event?	Yes	No
Is the patient currently receiving a positive therapeutic outcome with the requested drug for their medical condition?	Yes	No

I attest that this information is accurate and true, and that documentation supporting this information is available for review if requested by CVS Caremark or the benefit plan sponsor.

X _____

Prescriber or Authorized Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

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