



## 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referring Provider Info:**  Same as Requesting Provider

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NPI#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NPI#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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*

What is the ICD-10 code? \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

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- 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?  
 Ankylosing spondylitis, *skip to Question P*  Crohn's disease, *skip to Question I*  
 Psoriatic arthritis  Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, *skip to Question M*  
 Rheumatoid arthritis  Other, *skip to Site of Service Questions*
- 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 indicated for psoriatic arthritis and rheumatoid arthritis (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 medication 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 – History or risk of lymphoma or other malignancy *skip to Site of Service Questions*  
 Yes – History of being a primary non-responder to a TNF inhibitor (i.e., no clinical response with initial treatment) *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 indicated for Crohn's disease (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
- 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).***  
 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 – History or risk of lymphoma or other malignancy, *skip to Site of Service Questions.*

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- Yes – History of being a primary non-responder to a TNF inhibitor (i.e., no clinical response with initial treatment) *skip to Site of Service Questions*
- No – None of the above *skip to Site of Service Questions*
- P. Is the request for an adult patient (18 years of age or older)?  Yes  No *If No, skip to Site of Service Questions*
- Q. Does the patient have a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event to the preferred product indicated for ankylosing spondylitis (Simponi Aria)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If ‘Yes’, attach supporting chart note(s).***  Yes  No

**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

**Clinical Criteria Questions:**

1. Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Olumiant, Otezla, Xeljanz)?
- Yes, *Continue to #2*
- No, *Continue to #2*
2. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz) associated with an increased risk of tuberculosis (TB)?
- Yes, *Continue to #9*
- No, *Continue to #3*
3. 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?

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Yes, *Continue to #4*

No, *Continue to #4*

4. What were the results of the tuberculosis (TB) test?

Positive for TB, *Continue to #5*

Negative for TB, *Continue to #9*

Unknown, *No Further Questions*

5. Which of the following applies to the patient?

Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been initiated, *Continue to #9*

Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been completed, *Continue to #9*

Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has not been initiated, *Continue to #9*

Patient has active TB, *Continue to #9*

9. What is the diagnosis?

Rheumatoid arthritis, *Continue to #100*

Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA), *Continue to #200*

Oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, *Continue to #200*

Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA), *Continue to #300*

Giant cell arteritis, *Continue to #500*

Systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD), *Continue to #650*

Unicentric Castleman disease, *Continue to #375*

Multicentric Castleman disease, *Continue to #400*

Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis, *Continue to #425*

Cytokine release syndrome, *Continue to #600*

Acute graft versus host disease, *Continue to #625*

Other, *No Further Questions*

100. Has the patient been diagnosed with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)?

Yes, *Continue to #101*

No, *Continue to #101*

101. Is the patient an adult (18 years of age or older)?

Yes, *Continue to #102*

No, *Continue to #102*

102. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist?

Yes, *Continue to #103*

No, *Continue to #103*

103. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

Yes, *Continue to #104*

No, *Continue to #150*

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104. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

- Yes, *Continue to #150*
- No, *Continue to #105*
- Unknown, *Continue to #150*

105. Has the patient achieved or maintained a positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?

- Yes, *Continue to #106*
- No, *Continue to #107*

106. Has the patient experienced substantial disease activity improvement (e.g., at least 20% from baseline) in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? **ACTION REQUIRED:** If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response and substantial disease activity improvement.

- Yes, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #107*

107. Is this a request for an increase in dosing regimen due to the patient not achieving an adequate clinical response at the current dose or frequency?

- Yes, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #700*

150. Has the patient ever received or is currently receiving a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz) indicated for the treatment of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (excluding receiving the drug via samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program)? **ACTION REQUIRED:** If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried

- Yes, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #151*

151. 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

- Yes, *Continue to #153*
- No, *Continue to #152*

152. 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, *Continue to #153*
- No, *Continue to #153*

153. 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

- Yes, *Continue to #700*

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No, Continue to #154

154. 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

Yes, Continue to #700

No, Continue to #155

155. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate? **ACTION REQUIRED:** If Yes, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy

Yes, Continue to #156

No, Continue to #156

156. Please indicate the contraindication to methotrexate

Clinical diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver disease, or other chronic liver disease, Continue to #700

Drug interaction, Continue to #700

Risk of treatment-related toxicity, Continue to #700

Pregnancy or currently planning pregnancy, Continue to #700

Breastfeeding, Continue to #700

Significant comorbidity prohibits use of systemic agents (e.g., liver or kidney disease, blood dyscrasias, uncontrolled hypertension), Continue to #700

Hypersensitivity, Continue to #700

History of intolerance or adverse event, Continue to #700

Other, Continue to #700

200. Has the patient been diagnosed with active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis?

Yes, Continue to #201

No, Continue to #201

201. Is the patient 2 years of age or older?

Yes, Continue to #202

No, Continue to #202

202. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist?

Yes, Continue to #203

No, Continue to #203

203. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

Yes, Continue to #204

No, Continue to #207

204. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

Yes, Continue to #207

No, Continue to #205

Unknown, Continue to #207

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205. Has the patient achieved or maintained a 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, *Continue to #206*

No, *Continue to #206*

206. 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), *Continue to #700*

Number of joints with limitation of movement, *Continue to #700*

Functional ability, *Continue to #700*

None of the above, *Continue to #700*

207. Has the patient ever received or is currently receiving a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Xeljanz) indicated for the treatment of active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (excluding receiving the drug via samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program)? **ACTION REQUIRED:** *If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried*

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #208*

208. Has the patient had an inadequate response to methotrexate or another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., leflunomide, sulfasalazine, hydroxychloroquine) 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*

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #209*

209. Has the patient had an inadequate response to a trial of scheduled non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and/or intra-articular glucocorticoids (e.g., triamcinolone hexacetonide)? **ACTION REQUIRED:** *If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy*

Yes, *Continue to #210*

No, *Continue to #211*

210. Does the patient have one of the following risk factors for poor outcome: a) involvement of ankle, wrist, hip, sacroiliac joint, and/or temporomandibular joint (TMJ), b) presence of erosive disease or enthesitis, c) delay in diagnosis, d) elevated levels of inflammation markers, or e) symmetric disease?

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #211*

211. Does the patient have any of the following risk factors for disease severity and potentially a more refractory disease course: a) positive rheumatoid factor, b) positive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies, or c) pre-existing joint damage?

Yes, *Continue to #212*

No, *Continue to #212*

212. Does the patient meet any of the following: a) high-risk joints are involved (e.g., cervical spine, wrist, or hip), b) high disease activity, or c) high risk for disabling joint disease?

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Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #700*

300. Is the patient 2 years of age or older?

Yes, *Continue to #301*

No, *Continue to #301*

301. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist?

Yes, *Continue to #302*

No, *Continue to #302*

302. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

Yes, *Continue to #303*

No, *Continue to #306*

303. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

Yes, *Continue to #306*

No, *Continue to #304*

Unknown, *Continue to #306*

304. Has the patient achieved or maintained a 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, *Continue to #305*

No, *Continue to #305*

305. 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), *Continue to #700*

Number of joints with limitation of movement, *Continue to #700*

Functional ability, *Continue to #700*

Systemic features (e.g., fevers, evanescent rash, lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, or serositis), *Continue to #700*

None of the above, *Continue to #700*

306. Has the patient been diagnosed with active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA)?

Yes, *Continue to #307*

No, *Continue to #307*

307. Has the patient ever received or is currently receiving a biologic (e.g., Humira) indicated for the treatment of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (excluding receiving the drug via samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program)? **ACTION REQUIRED:** *If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried*

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #308*

308. Does the patient have active systemic features (e.g., fever, evanescent rash, lymphadenopathy, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, serositis)?

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- Yes, *Continue to #309*
- No, *Continue to #309*

309. Has the patient had an inadequate response to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or systemic glucocorticoids? **ACTION REQUIRED:** *If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy*

- Yes, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #700*

375. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist?

- Yes, *Continue to #376*
- No, *Continue to #376*

376. Is this a request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

- Yes, *Continue to #377*
- No, *Continue to #379*

377. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

- Yes, *Continue to #379*
- No, *Continue to #378*
- Unknown, *Continue to #379*

378. Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression on the current regimen?

- Yes, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #700*

379. Has the patient been tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)?

- Yes, *Continue to #380*
- No, *Continue to #380*

380. What were the results of the HIV test?

- Positive, *Continue to #381*
- Negative, *Continue to #381*
- Unknown, *Continue to #381*

381. Has the patient been tested for herpesvirus-8?

- Yes, *Continue to #382*
- No, *Continue to #382*

382. What were the results of the herpesvirus-8 test?

- Positive, *Continue to #383*
- Negative, *Continue to #383*
- Unknown, *Continue to #383*

383. Has the disease progressed following treatment of relapsed or refractory disease?

- Yes, *Continue to #384*

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No, *Continue to #384*

384. Will the requested drug be used as a single agent?

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #700*

400. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist?

Yes, *Continue to #401*

No, *Continue to #401*

401. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

Yes, *Continue to #402*

No, *Continue to #404*

402. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

Yes, *Continue to #404*

No, *Continue to #403*

Unknown, *Continue to #404*

403. Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression on the current regimen?

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #700*

404. Has the disease progressed following treatment of relapsed/refractory or progressive disease?

Yes, *Continue to #405*

No, *Continue to #405*

405. Will the requested drug be used as a single agent?

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #700*

425. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist, hematologist, or rheumatologist?

Yes, *Continue to #426*

No, *Continue to #426*

426. Is the disease severe or refractory?

Yes, *Continue to #427*

No, *Continue to #427*

427. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to systemic corticosteroids? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy***

Yes, *Continue to #700*

No, *Continue to #428*

428. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication to corticosteroids? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes,***

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*please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, (if applicable) including response to therapy. If therapy is if not advisable, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy*

Yes, Continue to #700

No, Continue to #700

500. Is the patient an adult (18 years of age or older)?

Yes, Continue to #501

No, Continue to #501

501. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist?

Yes, Continue to #502

No, Continue to #502

502. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

Yes, Continue to #503

No, Continue to #506

503. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

Yes, Continue to #506

No, Continue to #504

Unknown, Continue to #506

504. Has the patient achieved or maintained a 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, Continue to #505

No, Continue to #505

505. 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

Headaches, Continue to #700

Scalp tenderness, Continue to #700

Tenderness and/or thickening of superficial temporal arteries, Continue to #700

Constitutional symptoms (e.g., weight loss, fever, fatigue, night sweats), Continue to #700

Jaw and/or tongue claudication, Continue to #700

Acute visual symptoms (e.g., amaurosis fugax, acute visual loss, diplopia), Continue to #700

Symptoms of polymyalgia rheumatica (e.g., shoulder and/or hip girdle pain), Continue to #700

Limb claudication, Continue to #700

None of the above, Continue to #700

506. Has the diagnosis been confirmed by temporal artery biopsy or cross-sectional imaging?

Yes, Continue to #700

No, Continue to #507

507. 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])?

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- Yes, Continue to #700
- No, Continue to #700

600. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist?

- Yes, Continue to #601
- No, Continue to #601

601. Has the patient been diagnosed with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell-induced cytokine release syndrome (CRS)?

- Yes, Continue to #602
- No, Continue to #603

602. Is the patient 2 years of age or older?

- Yes, No Further Questions
- No, No Further Questions

603. Does the patient have refractory cytokine release syndrome (CRS) related to blinatumomab therapy?

**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 Further Questions
- No, No Further Questions

625. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist?

- Yes, Continue to #626
- No, Continue to #626

626. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to systemic corticosteroids? **ACTION REQUIRED:** If Yes, please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy

- Yes, Continue to #700
- No, Continue to #627

627. 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, (if applicable) including response to therapy. If therapy is if not advisable, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy

- Yes, Continue to #700
- No, Continue to #700

650. Is the patient an adult (18 years of age or older)?

- Yes, Continue to #651
- No, Continue to #651

651. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or pulmonologist?

- Yes, Continue to #652
- No, Continue to #652

652. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug?

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- Yes, *Continue to #653*
- No, *Continue to #654*

653. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

- Yes, *Continue to #654*
- No, *Continue to #700*
- Unknown, *Continue to #654*

654. 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, *Continue to #700*
- No, *Continue to #700*

700. What is the diagnosis?

- Rheumatoid arthritis, *Continue to #701*
- Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA), *Continue to #750*
- Oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, *Continue to #750*
- Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA), *Continue to #770*
- Giant cell arteritis, *Continue to #830*
- Systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD), *Continue to #850*
- Unicentric Castleman disease, *Continue to #800*
- Multicentric Castleman disease, *Continue to #800*
- Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis, *Continue to #820*
- Acute graft versus host disease, *Continue to #800*

701. Is the patient currently receiving Actemra?

- Yes, *Continue to #702*
- No, *Continue to #725*

702. What is the route of administration?

- Intravenous, *Continue to #703*
- Subcutaneous, *Continue to #715*

703. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg?

- Yes, *Continue to #705*
- No, *Continue to #704*

704. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

- Yes, *No Further Questions*
- No, *No Further Questions*

705. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg?

- Yes, *Continue to #706*
- No, *Continue to #706*

706. Please select the situation that applies to the patient

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- Patient is continuing therapy on current dose, *Continue to #708*
- Prescriber is increasing dose, *Continue to #707*
- Prescriber is decreasing dose, *Continue to #708*

707. Does the patient require an increased dose due to lack of clinical response at the current dose?

- Yes, *Continue to #708*
- No, *Continue to #708*

708. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

- Yes, *No Further Questions*
- No, *No Further Questions*

715. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

- Yes, *Continue to #716*
- No, *Continue to #716*

716. What is the patient's weight?

- Less than 100 kg, *Continue to #717*
- Greater than or equal to 100 kg, *Continue to #720*

717. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY OTHER WEEK?

- Yes, *Continue to #718*
- No, *No Further Questions*

718. Please select the situation that applies to the patient

- Patient is continuing therapy at current frequency, *Continue to #720*
- Prescriber is increasing dosing frequency, *Continue to #719*

719. Does the patient require an increased dosing frequency due to lack of clinical response at the current dose?

- Yes, *Continue to #720*
- No, *Continue to #720*

720. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK?

- Yes, *No Further Questions*
- No, *No Further Questions*

725. What is the route of administration?

- Intravenous, *Continue to #726*
- Subcutaneous, *Continue to #730*

726. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg?

- Yes, *Continue to #727*
- No, *Continue to #727*

727. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

- Yes, *No Further Questions*
- No, *No Further Questions*

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730. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #731*

No, *Continue to #731*

731. What is the patient's weight?

Less than 100 kg, *Continue to #732*

Greater than or equal to 100 kg, *Continue to #733*

732. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY OTHER WEEK?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

733. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

750. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #751*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #753*

751. Does the prescribed dose exceed 10 mg per kg?

Yes, *Continue to #752*

No, *Continue to #752*

752. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

753. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #754*

No, *Continue to #754*

754. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

770. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #771*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #773*

771. Does the prescribed dose exceed 12 mg per kg?

Yes, *Continue to #772*

No, *Continue to #772*

772. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

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No, *No Further Questions*

773. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #774*

No, *Continue to #774*

774. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

800. 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, *Continue to #801*

No, *Continue to #801*

801. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #802*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #802*

802. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg?

Yes, *Continue to #803*

No, *Continue to #803*

803. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

820. 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, *Continue to #821*

No, *Continue to #821*

821. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #824*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #822*

822. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #823*

No, *Continue to #823*

823. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

824. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg?

Yes, *Continue to #825*

No, *Continue to #825*

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825. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

830. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #833*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #831*

831. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #832*

No, *Continue to #832*

832. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

833. Does the prescribed dose exceed 6 mg per kg?

Yes, *Continue to #834*

No, *Continue to #834*

834. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

850. What is the route of administration?

Intravenous, *Continue to #851*

Subcutaneous, *Continue to #851*

851. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg?

Yes, *Continue to #852*

No, *Continue to #852*

852. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week?

Yes, *No Further Questions*

No, *No Further Questions*

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<b>Step Therapy Override: Complete if Applicable for the state of Maryland.</b>	Please Circle	
Is the requested drug being used to treat stage four advanced metastatic cancer?	Yes	No
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?	Yes	No
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)?	Yes	No
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)?	Yes	No
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?	Yes	No
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?	Yes	No

<b>Step Therapy Override: Complete if Applicable for the state of Virginia.</b>	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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