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DRUG POLICY

Adalimumab

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DESCRIPTION

The intent of the Adalimumab drug policy is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for therapy based on product labeling, clinical guidelines and clinical studies.

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indications

Humira

1. Reducing signs and symptoms, inducing major clinical response, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with moderately to severely active RA.
2. Reducing signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA in patients 2 years of age and older.
3. Reducing signs and symptoms, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with active PsA.
4. Reducing signs and symptoms in adult patients with active AS.
5. The treatment of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease in adult and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older.
6. The treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adults and pediatric patients 5 years of age and older.

Limitations of Use: The effectiveness of Humira has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers.

7. The treatment of adult patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy, and when other systemic therapies are medically less appropriate.
8. The treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in patients 12 years of age and older.
9. The treatment of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, and panuveitis in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older.

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1. Reducing signs and symptoms, inducing major clinical response, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis, alone or in combination with methotrexate or other non-biologic DMARDs.
2. Reducing signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis in patients 2 years of age and older, alone or in combination with methotrexate.
3. Reducing signs and symptoms, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with active psoriatic arthritis, alone or in combination with non-biologic DMARDs.
4. Reducing signs and symptoms in adult patients with active ankylosing spondylitis.
5. The treatment of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease in adults and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older.
6. The treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adult patients. The effectiveness of adalimumab products has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers.
7. The treatment of adult patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy, and when other systemic therapies are medically less appropriate.
8. The treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in adult patients.

Compendial Uses

1. Axial spondyloarthritis
2. Behcet's disease
3. Pyoderma gangrenosum
4. Oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
5. Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis

POLICY

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- A. Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
 1. For initial requests:
 - i. Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.
 - ii. Laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing (i.e., rheumatoid factor [RF], anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide [anti-CCP], and C-reactive protein [CRP] and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate [ESR]) (if applicable).
 2. For continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.
- B. Articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and active axial spondyloarthritis:

1. Initial requests: Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.
 2. Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.
- C. Psoriatic arthritis (PsA): For continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.
- D. Crohn's disease
Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response to therapy or remission.
- E. Ulcerative colitis
Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response to therapy or remission.
- F. Plaque psoriasis
1. Initial requests:
 - i. Chart notes or medical record documentation of affected area(s) and body surface area (BSA) affected (if applicable).
 - ii. Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.
 2. Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation of decreased body surface area (BSA) affected and/or improvement in signs and symptoms.
- G. Hidradenitis suppurativa
1. Initial requests: Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.
 2. Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response to therapy.
- H. Uveitis (non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis)
1. Initial requests: Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.
 2. Continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response to therapy.
- I. Behcet's disease (initial requests only): Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy (if applicable).
- J. Pyoderma gangrenosum and immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis (initial requests only): Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried (if applicable), including response to therapy. If therapy is not advisable, documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy

Prescriber Specialties (initial approvals only)

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following:

- A. Rheumatoid arthritis, articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, axial spondyloarthritis, and Behcet's disease: rheumatologist
- B. Psoriatic arthritis and hidradenitis suppurativa: rheumatologist or dermatologist
- C. Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis: gastroenterologist
- D. Plaque psoriasis and pyoderma gangrenosum: dermatologist
- E. Uveitis: ophthalmologist or rheumatologist
- F. Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis: oncologist, hematologist, or rheumatologist

Criteria for Initial Approval

A. Moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members who have previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz) indicated for moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members for treatment of moderately to severely active RA when all of the following criteria are met:
 - a. Member meets either of the following criteria:
 - i. Member has been tested for either of the following biomarkers and the test was positive:
 1. Rheumatoid Factor (RF)
 2. Anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP)
 - ii. Member has been tested for ALL of the following biomarkers:
 1. RF
 2. Anti-CCP
 3. C-reactive protein (CRP) and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)
 - b. Member meets either of the following criteria:
 - i. Member has experienced an inadequate response to at least a 3-month trial of methotrexate despite adequate dosing (i.e., titrated to at least 15 mg/week).
 - ii. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to methotrexate (see Appendix A).

B. Articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 2 years of age and older who have previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic DMARD indicated for moderately to severely active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 2 years of age and older for treatment of moderately to severely active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis when any of the following criteria is met:
 - a. The member has had an inadequate response to methotrexate or another non-biologic DMARD administered at an adequate dose and duration.
 - b. The member has had an inadequate response to a trial of scheduled non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and/or intra-articular glucocorticoids (e.g., triamcinolone hexacetonide) and one of the following risk factors for poor outcome:
 - i. Involvement of ankle, wrist, hip, sacroiliac joint, and/or temporomandibular joint (TMJ)
 - ii. Presence of erosive disease or enthesitis
 - iii. Delay in diagnosis
 - iv. Elevated levels of inflammation markers
 - v. Symmetric disease
 - c. The member has risk factors (See Appendix C) and the member also meets one of the following:
 - i. High-risk joints are involved (e.g., cervical spine, wrist, or hip).
 - ii. High disease activity.
 - iii. Are judged to be at high risk for disabling joint disease.

C. Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members who have previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Rinvoq, Otezla) indicated for active psoriatic arthritis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members for treatment of active psoriatic arthritis when either of the following criteria is met:
 - a. Member has mild to moderate disease and meets one of the following criteria:
 - i. Member has had an inadequate response to methotrexate, leflunomide, or another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., sulfasalazine) administered at an adequate dose and duration.
 - ii. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to methotrexate or leflunomide (see Appendix A), or another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., sulfasalazine).
 - iii. Member has enthesitis or predominantly axial disease.
 - b. Member has severe disease.

D. Ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and active axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members who have previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz) indicated for active ankylosing spondylitis or active axial spondyloarthritis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of active ankylosing spondylitis and active axial spondyloarthritis when any of the following criteria is met:
 - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response to at least two non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).
 - b. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to two or more NSAIDs.

E. Moderately to severely active Crohn's disease (CD)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 6 years of age and older for treatment of moderately to severely active CD.

F. Moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 5 years of age and older for treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis.

G. Plaque psoriasis (PsO)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members who have previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Sotyktu, Otezla) indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for adult members for treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in members when any of the following criteria is met:
 - a. Crucial body areas (e.g., hands, feet, face, neck, scalp, genitals/groin, intertriginous areas) are affected.
 - b. At least 10% of the body surface area (BSA) is affected
 - c. At least 3% of body surface area (BSA) is affected and the member meets any of the following criteria:
 - i. Member has had an inadequate response or intolerance to either phototherapy (e.g., UVB, PUVA) or pharmacologic treatment with methotrexate, cyclosporine or acitretin.
 - ii. Member has a clinical reason to avoid pharmacologic treatment with methotrexate, cyclosporine and acitretin (see Appendix B).

H. Moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 12 years of age and older who have previously received a biologic indicated for treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa.

2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 12 years of age and older for treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa when either of the following is met:
 - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response to oral antibiotics for at least 90 days.
 - b. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to oral antibiotics.

I. Uveitis (non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis)

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 2 years of age and older who have previously received a biologic indicated for non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members 2 years of age and older for treatment of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis when either of the following is met:
 - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response with corticosteroids or immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., azathioprine, cyclosporine, methotrexate).
 - b. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to corticosteroids and immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., azathioprine, cyclosporine, methotrexate).

J. Behcet's disease

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members who have previously received Otezla or a biologic indicated for the treatment of Behcet's disease.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for the treatment of Behcet's disease when the member has had an inadequate response to at least one nonbiologic medication for Behcet's disease (e.g., apremilast, colchicine, systemic glucocorticoids, azathioprine).

K. Pyoderma gangrenosum

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for members who have previously received a biologic indicated for treatment of pyoderma gangrenosum.
2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of pyoderma gangrenosum when either of the following is met:
 - a. Member has experienced an inadequate response to corticosteroids or immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., cyclosporine or mycophenolate mofetil).
 - b. Member has an intolerance or contraindication to corticosteroids and immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil).

L. Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of severe/refractory immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis and has experienced an inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to corticosteroids.

Continuation of Therapy

A. Moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by disease activity improvement of at least 20% from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability.

B. Articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when there is improvement in any of the following from baseline:

1. Number of joints with active arthritis (e.g., swelling, pain, limitation of motion)

2. Number of joints with limitation of movement
3. Functional ability

C. Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for active psoriatic arthritis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when there is improvement in any of the following from baseline:

1. Number of swollen joints
2. Number of tender joints
3. Dactylitis
4. Enthesitis
5. Axial disease
6. Skin and/or nail involvement

D. Active ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and active axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for active ankylosing spondylitis or active axial spondyloarthritis and who achieve or maintain positive clinical response with the requested medication as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when there is improvement in any of the following from baseline:

1. Functional status
2. Total spinal pain
3. Inflammation (e.g., morning stiffness)

E. Moderately to severely active Crohn's disease

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active Crohn's disease and who achieve or maintain remission.

2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active Crohn's disease and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when there is improvement in any of the following from baseline:

- i. Abdominal pain or tenderness
- ii. Diarrhea
- iii. Body weight
- iv. Abdominal mass
- v. Hematocrit
- vi. Appearance of the mucosa on endoscopy, computed tomography enterography (CTE), magnetic resonance enterography (MRE), or intestinal ultrasound
- vii. Improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Crohn's Disease Activity Index [CDAI] score)

F. Moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis

1. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis and who achieve or maintain remission.

2. Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or

improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when there is improvement in any of the following from baseline:

- i. Stool frequency
- ii. Rectal bleeding
- iii. Urgency of defecation
- iv. C-reactive protein (CRP)
- v. Fecal calprotectin (FC)
- vi. Appearance of the mucosa on endoscopy, computed tomography enterography (CTE), magnetic resonance enterography (MRE), or intestinal ultrasound
- vii. Improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Ulcerative Colitis Endoscopic Index of Severity [UCEIS], Mayo score)

G. Moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when any of the following is met:

1. Reduction in body surface area (BSA) affected from baseline
2. Improvement in signs and symptoms from baseline (e.g., itching, redness, flaking, scaling, burning, cracking, pain)

H. Moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when any of the following is met:

1. Reduction in abscess and inflammatory nodule count from baseline
2. Reduced formation of new sinus tracts and scarring
3. Decrease in frequency of inflammatory lesions from baseline
4. Reduction in pain from baseline
5. Reduction in suppuration from baseline
6. Improvement in frequency of relapses from baseline
7. Improvement in quality of life from baseline
8. Improvement on a disease severity assessment tool from baseline

I. Uveitis (non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for non-infectious intermediate, posterior, and panuveitis and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition when the patient meets any of the following:

1. Reduced frequency of disease flares compared to baseline
2. Stability or improvement in anterior chamber (AC) cell grade compared to baseline
3. Stability or improvement in vitreous haze (VH) grade compared to baseline
4. Stability or improvement in visual acuity compared to baseline
5. Reduction in glucocorticoid requirements from baseline
6. No new active inflammatory chorioretinal and/or inflammatory retinal vascular lesions relative to baseline

J. Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis

All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must meet all initial authorization criteria.

K. All other indications

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for all members (including new members) who are using the requested medication for an indication outlined in Section III and who achieve or maintain a positive clinical response with the requested medication as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition.

Note: Post Limit Quantity Exception Criteria available for Crohn’s disease, Plaque Psoriasis, and Ulcerative Colitis that will allow for dose escalation in patients experiencing a partial response, nonresponse, or a loss of response to the current dosing regimen.

Other

For all indications: Member has had a documented negative TB test (which can include a tuberculosis skin test [PPD], an interferon-release assay [IGRA], or a chest x-ray)* within 6 months of initiating therapy for persons who are naïve to biologic DMARDs or targeted synthetic DMARDs associated with an increased risk of TB.

*If the screening testing for TB is positive, there must be further testing to confirm there is no active disease. Do not administer adalimumab to members with active TB infection. If there is latent disease, TB treatment must be started before initiation of adalimumab.

For all indications: Member cannot use Humira concomitantly with any other biologic DMARD or targeted synthetic DMARD.

Humira is considered **not medically necessary** for members who do not meet the criteria set forth above.

Dosage and Administration

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines. For rheumatoid arthritis, member must initiate treatment with every other week dosing.

Quantity Limits

Medication	Standard Limit	FDA-recommended dosing
Humira (adalimumab) 10 mg/0.1 mL single-use prefilled syringe	4 syringes per 28 days	<p>RA/PsA/AS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 mg every other week For RA, patients not taking concomitant methotrexate: may increase to 40 mg every week or 80 mg every other week if needed <p>PJIA/Pediatric uveitis (2 years and up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 kg to < 15 kg: 10 mg every other week 15 kg to < 30 kg: 20 mg every other week ≥ 30 kg: 40 mg every other week <p>Pediatric CD* (6 years and up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17 kg to < 40 kg: loading doses of 80 mg on day 1 and 40 mg two weeks later (day 15);
Humira (adalimumab) 10 mg/0.2 mL single-use prefilled syringe	4 syringes per 28 days	
Humira (adalimumab) 20 mg/0.2 mL single-use prefilled syringe	4 syringes per 28 days	
Humira (adalimumab) 20 mg/0.4 mL single-use prefilled syringe	4 syringes per 28 days	
Humira (adalimumab) 40 mg/0.4 mL single-use prefilled syringe/pen	4 syringes/pens per 28 days	
Humira (adalimumab) 40 mg/0.8 mL single-use prefilled syringe/pen	4 syringes/pens per 28 days	

Medication	Standard Limit	FDA-recommended dosing
Humira (adalimumab) 80 mg/0.8 mL single-use prefilled pen	2 pens per 28 days	maintenance dose (starting at week 4 (day 29) of 20 mg every other week
Humira (adalimumab) 40 mg/0.8 mL Pediatric Crohn's Disease Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 40 kg: loading doses of 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days) and 80 mg two weeks later (day 15); maintenance dose starting at week 4 (day 29) of 40 mg every other week
Humira (adalimumab) 80 mg/0.8 mL Pediatric Crohn's Disease Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<p>Pediatric UC (5 years and up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 kg to < 40 kg: loading doses of 80 mg on day 1, 40 mg one week later (day 8) and 40 mg one week after that (day 15); maintenance dose (starting at week 4 (day 29) of 40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week • ≥ 40 kg: loading doses of 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days), 80 mg one week later (day 8) and 80 mg one week after that (day 15); maintenance dose starting at week 4 (day 29) of 80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week
Humira (adalimumab) 80 mg/0.8 mL and 40 mg/0.4 mL Pediatric Crohn's Disease Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 40 kg: loading doses of 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days), 80 mg one week later (day 8) and 80 mg one week after that (day 15); maintenance dose starting at week 4 (day 29) of 80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week
Humira (adalimumab) 40 mg/0.8 mL pen Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, or Hidradenitis Suppurativa Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<p>Adult CD* and UC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading doses: 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days), followed by 80 mg two weeks later (day 15) • Maintenance dose: two weeks later (day 29), 40 mg every other week
Humira (adalimumab) 80 mg/0.8 mL pen Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, or Hidradenitis Suppurativa Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading doses: 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days), followed by 80 mg two weeks later (day 15) • Maintenance dose: two weeks later (day 29), 40 mg every other week
Humira (adalimumab) 40 mg/0.8 mL pen Psoriasis/Uveitis/Adolescent Hidradenitis Suppurativa Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<p>Plaque psoriasis*/ uveitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 mg, followed by 40 mg every other week starting one week after the initial dose of 80 mg
Humira (adalimumab) 80 mg/0.8 mL and 40 mg/0.4 mL Psoriasis/Uveitis/Adolescent Hidradenitis Suppurativa Starter Pack	1 pack per lifetime	<p>Adolescent hidradenitis suppurativa (12 years and up)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 kg to < 60 kg: 80 mg on day 1, 40 mg on day 8 and subsequent doses 40 mg every other week • ≥ 60 kg: Follow adult dosing <p>Adult hidradenitis suppurativa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loading doses: 160 mg on day 1 (given in one day or split over two consecutive days), followed by 80 mg two weeks later (day 15) • Maintenance dose: begin 40 mg every week or 80 mg every other week two weeks later (day 29)

Abbreviations: RA = rheumatoid arthritis; PsA = psoriatic arthritis; AS = ankylosing spondylitis; PJIA = polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis; CD = Crohn's disease; UC = ulcerative colitis

*Post Limit Quantity Exception Criteria available for CD, plaque psoriasis, and ulcerative colitis

Appendices

Appendix A: Examples of Contraindications to Methotrexate

1. Clinical diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver disease or other chronic liver disease
2. Breastfeeding
3. Blood dyscrasias (e.g., thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, significant anemia)
4. Elevated liver transaminases
5. History of intolerance or adverse event
6. Hypersensitivity
7. Interstitial pneumonitis or clinically significant pulmonary fibrosis
8. Myelodysplasia
9. Pregnancy or currently planning pregnancy
10. Renal impairment
11. Significant drug interaction

Appendix B: Examples of Clinical Reasons to Avoid Pharmacologic Treatment with Methotrexate, Cyclosporine or Acitretin.

1. Clinical diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver disease or other chronic liver disease
2. Breastfeeding
3. Drug interaction
4. Cannot be used due to risk of treatment-related toxicity
5. Pregnancy or currently planning pregnancy
6. Significant comorbidity prohibits use of systemic agents (examples include liver or kidney disease, blood dyscrasias, uncontrolled hypertension)

APPENDIX C: Risk factors for Articular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

1. Positive rheumatoid factor
2. Positive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies
3. Pre-existing joint damage

PROCEDURES AND BILLING CODES

To report provider services, use appropriate CPT* codes, Alpha Numeric (HCPCS level 2) codes, Revenue codes, and/or ICD diagnostic codes.

- N/A

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