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Prior Authorization Criteria  
**Cimzia (certolizumab pegol)**

All requests for Cimzia (certolizumab pegol) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

- 1) Member is an adult age of 18 years or older
- 2) The prescribing physician must be a Rheumatologist, Gastroenterologist, or Dermatologist.
- 3) The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Crohn's disease** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to a steroid (*i.e.*, prednisone) for at least 3 months.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* for at least 3 months.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment.
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Fistulizing Crohn's Disease** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have clinical documentation of Crohn's disease with actively draining fistulas.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* for at least 3 months.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment.
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Rheumatoid Arthritis** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate or another DMARD.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months.

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Xeljanz\* for at least 3 months.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is evidence of positive clinical response and/or stabilization involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Number of swollen joints, number of tender joints, patient's assessment of pain, member's global assessment of disease activity, HAQ score, and/or CRP (C-Reactive Protein).
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Psoriatic Arthritis** and the following criteria is met:

- Member has active psoriatic arthritis or clinical features that suggest psoriatic arthritis.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Xeljanz\* for at least 3 months.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is evidence of positive clinical response and/or stabilization involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Number of swollen joints, number of tender joints, patient's assessment of pain, member's global assessment of disease activity, HAQ score, and/or CRP (C-Reactive Protein).
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Ankylosing Spondylitis and axial spondylarthritis** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to a four-week trial each of at least 2 NSAIDs.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is evidence of positive clinical response and/or stabilization involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Patient global assessment, back pain, BASFI (Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index, CRP, Modified Schober's test, chest expansion, occiput-to-wall measurement.
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Plaque Psoriasis** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have clinical documentation of a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis characterized by greater than or equal to 5% body surface involved or disease affecting crucial body areas such as hands, feet, face, or genitals.
- Members must have therapeutic failure of a three-month trial or a contraindication to at least BOTH of the following:
  - Psoralens with UVA light (PUVA) or UVB light
  - Systemic treatments including ONE of the following:
    - Immunomodulators (i.e. Methotrexate, Cyclosporine)
    - Retinoids (i.e. Soriatane)
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization Criteria:**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment.
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

\*Enbrel, Humira and Xeljanz both require prior authorization. Member who is currently established on Cimzia will not be required to change to a preferred/formulary product.

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

When criteria are not met, the request will be forwarded to a Medical Director for review. The physician reviewer must override criteria when, in their professional judgment, the requested medication is medically necessary.



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**Cimzia™ (certolizumab pegol)  
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> Pharmacy Services. **FAX:** (888) 245-2049

If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative.

**PHONE:** (800) 392-1147 Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm

**PROVIDER INFORMATION**

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

Member Name:	DOB:
Gateway ID:	Member weight: _____ pounds or _____ kg

**REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION**

Medication:	Strength:
Frequency:	Duration:
Is the member currently receiving requested medication? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Date Medication Initiated:	

**Billing Information**

This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy <b>OR</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: _____)	
Place of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's office <input type="checkbox"/> Member's home <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**Place of Service Information**

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

**MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)**

- Is the prescribing physician a Rheumatologist, Gastroenterologist, or Dermatologist?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is member 18 years of age or older?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Which of the following diagnoses is the medication being used for:
  - a. ☐ Crohn's Disease, if selected please answer the following questions:
    - i. Does the member have a history of trial, and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to a three-month trial with a steroid (i.e. prednisone, etc)?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
    - ii. Does the member have history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

- b. ☐ Fistulizing Crohn's disease, if selected please answer the following questions:
- i. Does the member have clinical documentation of Crohn's disease with actively draining fistulas?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - ii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. ☐ Rheumatoid Arthritis, if selected please answer the following questions:
- i. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate or another DMARD?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - ii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - iii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Xeljanz\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. ☐ Psoriatic Arthritis, if selected please answer the following questions:
- i. Does the member have active psoriatic arthritis or clinical features that suggest psoriatic arthritis?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - ii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - iii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Xeljanz\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. Ankylosing Spondylitis and , if selected please answer the following questions:
- i. Does the member have history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to a four-week trial each of at least 2 NSAIDs?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - ii. Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to Humira\* or Enbrel\* for at least 3 months?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- f. ☐ Plaque Psoriasis, if selected please answer the following questions:
- i. Does the member have clinical documentation of a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis characterized by greater than or equal to 5% body surface involved or disease affecting crucial body areas such as hands, feet, face, or genitals?

☐ Yes ☐ No

ii. Does the members must have therapeutic failure of a three-month trial or a contraindication to any of the following?

1. Psoralens with UVA light (PUVA) or UVB light

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Systemic treatments of the following:

a. Immunomodulators (i.e. Methotrexate, Cyclosporine)

☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Retinoids (i.e. Soriatane)

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Other Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY

Medication Name	Strength/ Frequency	Dates of Therapy	Status (Discontinued & Why/Current)

#### REAUTHORIZATION

1. Which of the following diagnoses will the medication be used for:

Please check the one that applies

a. Crohn's Disease ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. Is there documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b. Fistulizing Crohn's Disease ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. Is there documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment?

☐ Yes ☐ No

c. Rheumatoid Arthritis ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If yes, is there evidence of positive clinical response involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Number of swollen joints, number of tender joints, patient's assessment of pain, member's global assessment of disease activity, HAQ score, and/or CRP (C-Reactive Protein)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Psoriatic Arthritis ☐ Yes ☐ No

i. If yes, is there evidence of positive clinical response involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Number of swollen joints, number of tender joints, patient's assessment of pain, member's global assessment of disease activity, HAQ score, and/or CRP (C-Reactive Protein)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

e. Ankylosing Spondylitis ☐ Yes ☐ No

- i. Is yes, is there evidence of positive clinical response involving the following clinical/laboratory parameters: Patient global assessment, back pain, BASFI (Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index, CRP, Modified Schober's test, chest expansion, occiput-to-wall measurement?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- f. Plaque Psoriasis ☐ Yes ☐ No
- i. Is there documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- g. Other Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

**Prescribing Provider Signature**

**Date**