

Prior Authorization Criteria

**Xolair (omalizumab)**

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

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma and the following criteria is met:

- The member is 6 years of age or older
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a pulmonologist, allergist or immunologist
- The member has a diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma
- The member must have one of the following:
  - The member has a baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> < 80%
  - Required systemic (oral or parenteral) corticosteroids to control asthma exacerbations  $\geq 2$  times in the past year
  - Required hospitalization due to an asthma exacerbation within the past year
  - Exacerbations return when the dose of inhaled/and or systemic corticosteroids are lowered
  - Symptoms occurring > 2 days a week
  - Nighttime awakenings occurring more than once a week
  - Some limitation with normal activity
  - Use of rescue medications (short-acting inhaled beta-2 agonists) > 2 days a week
- Documentation the member had at least a three month consecutive trial of combination therapy that included a medium- or high-dose inhaled corticosteroid PLUS another controller medication (e.g., long-acting beta-2 agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist, theophylline) prior to initiating therapy with Xolair.
- The member has a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity (radioallergosorbent test [RAST]) to a perennial aeroallergen;
- The member weighs between 30 kg to 150 kg if the member is  $\geq 12$  years or the member weighs between 20 kg and 150 kg if the member is age 6 to <12 years
- Member has a serum total IgE level, measured before the start of treatment, of  $\geq 30$  IU/mL and  $\leq 700$  IU/mL in members age  $\geq 12$  years or  $\geq 30$  IU/mL and  $\leq 1300$  IU/mL in members age 6 to <12 years
- Documentation that adjunctive therapies (inhaled corticosteroids, long-acting beta-2 agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist, theophylline) have been used within the past 2 months.
  - Adjunctive therapies must be verified by pharmacy claims
  - If pharmacy claims do not confirm fills within the previous 2 months, the request will be denied
    - If enrollment is less than 3 months, provider attestation that member is receiving adjunctive therapy is sufficient
- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months

- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Documentation the member had a positive clinical response or stabilization as demonstrated by one of the following:
    - An increase in the member's FEV<sub>1</sub>
    - A decreased need for systemic corticosteroids
    - A decrease in the number of asthma related hospitalizations
    - A reduction in reported asthma-related symptoms
  - Documentation the prescribed dose and dosing frequency of Xolair remain appropriate for the current weight of the member
  - Adjunctive therapies (inhaled corticosteroids, long-acting beta-2 agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist, theophylline) must be consistently filled per pharmacy claims history
    - If pharmacy claims do not confirm fills within the previous 2 months, the request will be denied
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of chronic idiopathic urticaria and the following criteria is met:

- The member is at least 12 years of age
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an allergist, immunologist, or dermatologist
- Must have a documented history of urticaria for a period of at least 3 months
- Must have documented therapeutic failure despite adherence with a four-week trial of, or history of contraindication or intolerance to, a second-generation H1 antihistamine at the maximum tolerated dose
- Must have documented therapeutic failure despite adherence with a four-week trial of, or history of contraindication or intolerance to, at least one of the following medications in combination with a second-generation H1 antihistamine.
  - Leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA)
  - H2 antihistamine
  - First-generation H1 antihistamine
  - Addition of another second-generation H1 antihistamine
- Dosing does not exceed 300 mg administered subcutaneously every 4 weeks
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 3 months
- **Reauthorization criteria for chronic idiopathic urticaria**
  - Documentation that demonstrates the member is tolerating and responding (e.g., documented improvement in condition) to Xolair.
  - The dose of Xolair must not exceed 300mg every 4 weeks.
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 6 months

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.



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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.

**XOLAIR (omalizumab)  
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:  at a pharmacy **OR**  
 medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: \_\_\_\_\_)

Place of Service:  Hospital  Provider's office  Member's home  Other

**Place of Service Information**

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

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

Diagnosis (include ICD-10 code): \_\_\_\_\_

**ASTHMA DIAGNOSIS**

Does the patient have a confirmed diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma?  Yes  No

Baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> \_\_\_\_\_ Date taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the member had any of the following:

- Baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> < 80%
- Required systemic (oral or parenteral) corticosteroids to control asthma exacerbations ≥ 2 times in the past year
- Had an asthma related hospitalization
- Unable to lower member dose of high dose inhaled steroids or systemic corticosteroids

Does the member have a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity (RAST test) to a perennial aeroallergen?  Yes  No

Pretreatment serum IgE Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are the member's symptoms inadequately controlled despite adherence with at least a 3 month trial on combination therapy that includes a medium- or high-dose inhaled corticosteroid PLUS another controller medication (e.g., long-acting beta-2 agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist)?

Yes  No *If yes, please list the drugs in previous therapy section below.*

Is Xolair being used as adjunctive therapy  Yes  No

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**MEMBER INFORMATION**

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

**MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)  
CHRONIC IDIOPATHIC URTICARIA DIAGNOSIS**

Does the patient have a documented history of urticaria for a period of at least 3 months?  Yes  No

Was an evaluation conducted to rule out other causes of urticaria?  Yes  No

Does the patient have a documented failure, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a 4-week trial of a second-generation H<sub>1</sub> antihistamine at the maximum tolerated dose?  
 Yes, please list the drugs in previous therapy section below  No

Does the patient have a documented failure, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a 4-week trial of any of the following medications in combination with a second-generation H<sub>1</sub> antihistamine?  Yes  No  
*Please check all that apply and list the drug(s) in the adjunctive therapy section below.*

Leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA)     H<sub>2</sub> antihistamine  
 First-generation H<sub>1</sub> antihistamine         Addition of another second-generation H<sub>1</sub> antihistamine

**CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY**

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

**REAUTHORIZATION  
ASTHMA DIAGNOSIS**

Has the patient tolerated and responded to treatment with Xolair?  Yes  No  
Please describe response: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the member had any of the following:  
 An increase in FEV<sub>1</sub> (Please provide current FEV<sub>1</sub> and date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A decrease in the need for systemic corticosteroids  
 A decrease in the number of asthma related hospitalizations

Has the patient's weight changed requiring a dose adjustment?  Yes  No  
Please provide the members current asthma regimen: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHRONIC IDIOPATHIC URTICARIA DIAGNOSIS**

Has the patient tolerated and responded to treatment with Xolair?  Yes  No  
Please describe response: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

**Prescribing Provider Signature**

**Date**

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