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Prior Authorization Criteria
Xeljanz, Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib)

All requests for Xeljanz™, Xeljanz XR™ (tofacitinib) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

For all requests for Xeljanz™/Xeljanz™ XR (tofacitinib) all of the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Member is an adult age of 18 years or older
- 2) Medication must be prescribed by or in association with a rheumatologist, gastroenterologist, or dermatologist.
- 3) Member must have lymphocyte count greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, ANC greater than or equal to 1000 cells per cubic mm, and hemoglobin level greater than or equal to 9g/dL.
- 4) 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 **Moderately to Severely Active Rheumatoid Arthritis** and the following criteria is met:

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to three-month of trial with methotrexate, or another DMARD.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 3 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).
 - Member must have lymphocyte count greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, ANC greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, and hemoglobin level greater than or equal to 9g/dL.
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 months

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

- Member has moderately to severely active psoriatic arthritis which must include documentation of either active psoriatic lesions or documented history of psoriasis.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 3 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).

- Member must have lymphocyte count greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, ANC greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, and hemoglobin level greater than or equal to 9g/dL.
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 months

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

- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to conventional treatments including ONE of the following for at least 3 months:
 - Aminosalicylates, 5-ASAs (i.e., Sulfasalazine, Pentasa, Asacol, Colazal)
 - Steroids (i.e., prednisone)
 - Immunomodulators (i.e., Azathioprine, 6-Mercaptopurine, Methotrexate)
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 3 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
 - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment.
 - Member must have lymphocyte count greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, ANC greater than or equal to 500 cells per cubic mm, and hemoglobin level greater than or equal to 9g/dL.
 - **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 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.

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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**Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR
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 HealthSM 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

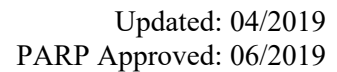
This medication will be billed: <input type="checkbox"/> at a pharmacy OR <input type="checkbox"/> medically (if medically please provide a JCODE: _____)	
Place of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's office <input type="checkbox"/> Member's home <input type="checkbox"/>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

Place of Service Information

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)

- 1) Is member 18 years of age or older?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2) Will the medication be prescribed by or in association with a rheumatologist, gastroenterologist, or dermatologist?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3) Please provide the following labs:
 - o Lymphocyte count:
 - o ANC:
 - o Hemoglobin level:
- 4) Which of the following diagnoses will the medication be used for:
 - o Moderately to Severely Active Rheumatoid Arthritis
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, answer the following questions:
 - Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to three-month of trial with methotrexate, or another DMARD?
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - o Active Psoriatic Arthritis
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, answer the following questions:



o Ulcerative Colitis

- Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to any of the following treatments?
 - Aminosalicylates, 5-ASAs (i.e., Sulfasalazine, Pentasa, Asacol, Colazal)
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Steroids (i.e., prednisone)
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Immunomodulators (i.e., Azathioprine, 6-Mercaptopurine, Methotrexate)
☐ Yes ☐ No

o Other Diagnosis: _____

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

5) Please provide the following labs:

- Lymphocyte count:
- ANC:
- Hemoglobin level:

6) Which of the following diagnoses will the medication be used for?

- Rheumatoid Arthritis or Active Psoriatic Arthritis
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please answer the following questions
 - Is there 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)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Ulcerative Colitis
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please answer the following questions
 - Is there documented, significant improvement with prior courses of treatment?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Date _____

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