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Prior Authorization Criteria  
**Simponi Aria/Simponi (golimumab)**

All requests for Brand Name (generic name) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

For all requests for Simponi Aria/Simponi (golimumab) all of the following criteria must be met:

- Member is an adult age of 18 years of older.
- Medication must be prescribed by or in association with rheumatologist, gastroenterologist, or dermatologist.
- 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 active 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.
- Medication will be used in combination with Methotrexate (if not contraindicated or member does not have intolerance to methotrexate).
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment to Enbrel\* OR Humira\*.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Member must have 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).
- **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 active psoriatic arthritis or clinical features that suggest psoriatic arthritis in the absence of psoriasis.
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment to Enbrel\* OR Humira\*.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is 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).
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Ankylosing Spondylitis** 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 of at least 3 months of treatment to Enbrel\* OR Humira\*.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 14 weeks
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Reauthorization benefit will be approved if there is 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, and/or occiput-to-wall measurement.
- **Reauthorization Duration of approval:** 12 months

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

- Prescribed medication is Simponi.
- 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)
- Member must have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 2 months of treatment with Humira\*.
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 12 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 and Humira both require prior authorization. Members that are currently established on Simponi/Simponi Aria will not be required to change to a preformulary 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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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 Health 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)**

**Diagnosis:**

- ☐ Moderately active Rheumatoid Arthritis  
☐ Active Psoriatic Arthritis  
☐ Ankylosing Spondylitis  
☐ Ulcerative Colitis  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is the member an adult 18 years of age or older? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the medication being prescribed by or in association with a rheumatologist, gastroenterologist, or dermatologist? ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**For Moderately active Rheumatoid Arthritis:**

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

Will the medication be used in combination with methotrexate, unless the member has a contraindication or intolerance to MTX? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the member trialed and failed for at least 3 months or have a contraindication or intolerance to Enbrel OR Humira?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**For Active Psoriatic Arthritis:**

Does the member have psoriatic arthritis or clinical manifestations of psoriatic arthritis in the absence of psoriasis?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment of either Enbrel OR Humira?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**For Ankylosing Spondylitis:**

Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to 4 week trial each of at least 2 NSAIDs?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 3 months of treatment of either Enbrel OR Humira?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**For Ulcerative Colitis:**

Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to (for at least 3 months duration) to:

- 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

Does the member have a history of trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance of at least 2 months of Humira?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY**

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

**REAUTHORIZATION**

Which diagnosis is the medication being used for:

☐ Moderately active Rheumatoid Arthritis, if checked please answer the following:

- Does the prescriber attest that member has 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

☐ Active Psoriatic Arthritis, if checked please answer the following:

- Does the prescriber attest that member has 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

☐ Ankylosing Spondylitis



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- Does the prescriber attest that member has 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, and/or occiput-to-wall measurement?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ **Ulcerative Colitis**

- Does the prescriber attest that member has documented, positive clinical response to therapy?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE**

**Prescribing Provider Signature**

**Date**