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PHARMACY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST*

Directions: **The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request**. All other information may be filled in by office staff; **fax to 1-305-671-0200**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If the information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, the authorization process can be delayed.**

Drug Requested: Actemra® SQ (tocilizumab) **(Pharmacy)**

MEMBER & PRESCRIBER INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Member Name: _____

Member AvMed #: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Prescriber Name: _____

Prescriber Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

DEA OR NPI #: _____

DRUG INFORMATION: Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

Drug Form/Strength: _____

Dosing Schedule: _____ **Length of Therapy:** _____

Diagnosis: _____ **ICD Code:** _____

Weight: _____ **Date:** _____

NOTE: AvMed Health considers the use of concomitant therapy with more than one biologic immunomodulator (e.g., Dupixent, Entyvio, Humira, Rinvoq, Stelara) prescribed for the same or different indications to be experimental and investigational. Safety and efficacy of these combinations has **NOT** been established and will **NOT** be permitted.

CLINICAL CRITERIA: Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

❑ **Diagnosis: Moderate-to-Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis**
Dosing: SubQ: <100 kg – 162 mg once every other week; >100 kg – 162 mg once every week

- ❑ Member has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe **rheumatoid arthritis**
- ❑ Prescribed by or in consultation with a **Rheumatologist**

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- ❑ Member has tried and failed at least **ONE** of the following **DMARD** therapies for at least **three (3) months**
  - ❑ hydroxychloroquine
  - ❑ leflunomide
  - ❑ methotrexate
  - ❑ sulfasalazine
- ❑ Member meets **ONE** of the following:
  - ❑ Member tried and failed, has a contraindication, or intolerance to **ONE** of the following **PREFERRED** adalimumab products:
    - ❑ Humira®
    - ❑ Cyltezo®
    - ❑ Hyrimoz®
  - ❑ Member has been established on Actemra® for at least 90 days **AND** prescription claims history indicates **at least a 90-day supply of Actemra was dispensed within the past 130 days (verified by chart notes or pharmacy paid claims)**

❑ Diagnosis: Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Dosing: SubQ: <30 kg – 162 mg once every 3 weeks; ≥30 kg – 162 mg once every 2 weeks

- ❑ Member is ≥ 2 years of age and has a diagnosis of **ONE** of the following:
  - ❑ **Active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA)**
  - ❑ **Active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis**
- ❑ Prescribed by or in consultation with a **Rheumatologist**
- ❑ Member has tried and failed at least **ONE** of the following **DMARD** therapies for at least **three (3) months**
  - ❑ cyclosporine
  - ❑ hydroxychloroquine
  - ❑ leflunomide
  - ❑ methotrexate
  - ❑ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
  - ❑ oral corticosteroids
  - ❑ sulfasalazine
  - ❑ tacrolimus
- ❑ For members with a diagnosis of **PJIA only**, member must meet **ONE** of the following:
  - ❑ Member tried and failed, has a contraindication, or intolerance to **ONE** of the following **PREFERRED** adalimumab products:
    - ❑ Humira®
    - ❑ Cyltezo®
    - ❑ Hyrimoz®

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- ❑ Member has been established on Actemra® for at least 90 days **AND** prescription claims history indicates **at least a 90-day supply of Actemra was dispensed within the past 130 days (verified by chart notes or pharmacy paid claims)**

Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy – Proprium Rx

*****Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step edit/ preauthorization criteria.*****

****Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.****

***Approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee:** ~~6/17/2010;~~ **8/17/2023**
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