

TRICARE Prior Authorization Request Form for  
mepolizumab injection (**Nucala**)



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**USFHP Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form**

To be completed by Requesting provider	
Drug Name:	Strength:
Dosage/Frequency (SIG):	Duration of Therapy:

**FAX Completed Form and  
Applicable Progress Notes to:  
(410) 424-4037**

**Questions?** Contact the Pharmacy Dept at: (888) 819-1043, option 4

Clinical Documentation must accompany form in order for a determination to be made.

Prior authorization approves for up to 300mg for eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA)

**Step 1 Please complete patient and physician information** (please print):

<b>1</b> Patient Name:	_____	Physician Name:	_____
Address:	_____	Address:	_____
Sponsor ID #	_____	Phone #:	_____
Date of Birth:	_____	Secure Fax #:	_____

**Step 2 Please complete the clinical assessment:**

<b>1</b> What is the patient's diagnosis?	<input type="checkbox"/> severe persistent eosinophilic asthma - Proceed to question 2 <input type="checkbox"/> eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA) - Proceed to question 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Other indication or diagnosis- <b>STOP- Coverage not approved</b>	
2. Is the requested medication being prescribed by an allergist, immunologist, or pulmonologist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Proceed to question 3	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved
3. Does the patient have an eosinophilic phenotype asthma as defined as either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>blood eosinophil count of <b>GREATER</b> than 150 cells/mcL within the past month while on oral corticosteroids <b>OR</b></li> <li><b>GREATER</b> than or <b>EQUAL</b> to 300 cells/mcL within the past year?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Proceed to question 4	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved
4. Has the patient's asthma been uncontrolled despite adherence to optimized medication therapy regimen? <p>Uncontrolled asthma is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>hospitalization for asthma in the past year, <b>OR</b></li> <li>requiring a course of oral corticosteroids twice in the past year, <b>OR</b></li> <li>daily high-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) with inability to taper off the ICS.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Proceed to question 5	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved

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<b>5. Has the patient tried and failed an adequate course (3 months) of at least two of the following while using a high-dose inhaled corticosteroid:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhaled long-acting beta agonist (LABA) (for example, Serevent, Striverdi),</li> <li>• Long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) (for example, Spiriva, Incruse),</li> <li>• Leukotriene receptor antagonist (for example, Singulair, Accolate, Zflo)?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Sign and date below	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved
<b>6. Is the patient GREATER THAN or EQUAL TO 18 years of age?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Proceed to question 7	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved
<b>7. Is the requested medication being prescribed by an allergist, immunologist, pulmonologist, rheumatologist, or hematologist?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Proceed to question 8	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved
<b>8. Has the patient had an adequate trial of at least 3 months of one of the following: corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, or methotrexate and had an inadequate response to therapy, OR significant side effects/toxicity?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Sign and date below	<input type="checkbox"/> No Proceed to question 9
<b>9. Does the patient have a contraindication to therapy with corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, or methotrexate?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Sign and date below	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>STOP</b> Coverage not approved

**Step 3** I certify the above is true to the best of my knowledge. Please sign and date:

\_\_\_\_\_ Prescriber Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

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<input type="checkbox"/> Approved:	Duration of Approval: ____ month(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied:	Authorized By:
<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete/Other:	PA#:
Date Faxed to MD:	Date Decision Rendered: