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Prior Authorization Request

Your patient's benefit plan requires prior authorization for certain medications. In order to make appropriate medical necessity determinations, your patient's diagnosis and other clinical information is required. **Please complete the information requested on the form below and fax this form along with supporting clinical documentation to Priority Partners, toll-free at 1-866-212-4756 to initiate the review process.** If you have questions regarding the prior authorization please contact Priority Partners at 888-819-1043 Option 4.

Patient's Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Patient's ID: _____ **Patient's Date of Birth:** _____
Physician's Name: _____
Specialty: _____ **NPI#:** _____
Physician Office Telephone: _____ **Physician Office Fax:** _____

Referring Provider Info: Same as Requesting Provider

Name: _____ **NPI#:** _____
Fax: _____ **Phone:** _____

Rendering Provider Info: Same as Referring Provider Same as Requesting Provider

Name: _____ **NPI#:** _____
Fax: _____ **Phone:** _____

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

Required Demographic Information:

Patient Weight: _____ *kg*

Patient Height: _____ *cm*

Drug Information:

Strength/Measure _____ *Units* ml Gm mg ea Un

Directions(sig) _____ *Route of administration* _____

Dosing frequency _____

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Site of Service Questions:

- A. Indicate the site of service requested:
 On Campus Outpatient Hospital (22) Off Campus Outpatient Hospital (19)
 Home (12), *skip to Criteria Questions* Office (11), *skip to Criteria Questions*
 Ambulatory Surgical Center (24), *skip to Criteria Questions*
- B. Is the patient less than 18 years of age?
 Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions*
 No
- C. Has the patient experienced an adverse event with the requested product that has not responded to conventional interventions (eg acetaminophen, steroids, diphenhydramine, fluids, other pre- medications or slowing of infusion rate) or a severe adverse event (anaphylaxis, anaphylactoid reactions, myocardial infarction, thromboembolism, or seizures) during or immediately after an infusion? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation.*** Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- D. Is the patient medically unstable which may include respiratory, cardiovascular, or renal conditions that may limit the member's ability to tolerate a large volume or load or predispose the member to a severe adverse event that cannot be managed in an alternate setting without appropriate medical personnel and equipment?
ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation.
 Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- E. Does the patient have severe venous access issues that require the use of special interventions only available in the outpatient hospital setting? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation.***
 Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- F. Does the patient have significant behavioral issues and/or physical or cognitive impairment that would impact the safety of the infusion therapy AND the patient does not have access to a caregiver? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation.***
 Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- G. Has the patient's home been deemed not eligible or appropriate for home infusion services by a home infusion provider? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation.***
 Yes, *skip to Clinical Criteria Questions* No
- H. Does the patient have severe venous access issues that require the use of special interventions only available in the outpatient hospital setting?
ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach supporting clinical documentation. Yes No

Clinical Criteria Questions:

1. Has the patient been diagnosed with any of the following?
 Moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
 Active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA)
 Active oligoarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
 Active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA)
 Giant cell arteritis
 Systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD)
 Unicentric Castleman's disease
 Multicentric Castleman's disease
 Immunotherapy-related inflammatory arthritis
 Cytokine release syndrome
 Acute graft versus host disease
 Other _____

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2. What is the ICD-10 code? _____
3. Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g., Olumiant, Otezla, Xeljanz)? Yes No
4. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz) associated with an increased risk of tuberculosis (TB)? *If Yes, skip to #6* Yes No
5. Has the patient had a tuberculosis (TB) test (e.g., tuberculosis skin test [PPD], interferon-release assay [IGRA], chest x-ray) within 6 months of initiating therapy? Yes No *Skip to #8*
6. Does the patient have risk factors for tuberculosis (TB) (e.g., persons with close contact to people with infectious TB disease; persons who have recently immigrated from areas of the world with high rates of TB [e.g., Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Russia]; children less than 5 years of age who have a positive TB test; groups with high rates of TB transmission [e.g., homeless persons, injection drug users, persons with HIV infection], or persons who work or reside with people who are at an increased risk for active TB [e.g., hospitals, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, homeless shelters])? Yes No *If No, skip to Section A.*
7. Has the patient been tested for tuberculosis (TB) within the previous 12 months? Yes No
8. What were the results of the tuberculosis (TB) test?
 Positive for TB Negative for TB, *skip to Section A* Unknown
9. Does the patient have latent or active tuberculosis (TB)? Latent Active Unknown
10. Has treatment for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection been initiated or completed?
 Yes - treatment initiated
 Yes - treatment completed
 No

Section A: Requests for Unicentric or Multicentric Castleman's Disease

11. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to diagnosis section.*
12. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to diagnosis section.* Yes No Unknown
13. Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression on the current regimen? Yes No
14. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No
15. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous
16. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
17. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No

Complete the following section based on the patient's diagnosis, if applicable.

Section B: Rheumatoid Arthritis

18. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #40*
19. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #40.* Yes No Unknown
20. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous, *skip to #31*
21. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg? *If Yes, skip to #25* Yes No
22. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No

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23. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
24. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.** _____% No further questions
25. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No
26. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No
27. Please select the situation that applies to the patient.
 Patient is continuing therapy on current dose
 Prescriber is increasing dose Skip to #30
 Prescriber is decreasing dose
28. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
29. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.** _____% No further questions
30. Does the patient require an increased dose due to lack of clinical response at the current dose?
 Yes No No further questions
31. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
32. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg If greater than or equal to 100 kg, skip to #37
33. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY OTHER WEEK?
 Yes No If No, skip to #38
34. Please select the situation that applies to the patient.
 Patient is continuing therapy at current frequency Skip to #37
 Prescriber is increasing dosing frequency
35. Does the patient require an increased dosing frequency due to lack of clinical response? Yes No
36. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK? Yes No No further questions
37. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose EVERY WEEK? Yes No
38. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No
39. What is the percent of disease activity improvement from baseline in tender joint count, swollen joint count, pain, or disability? **ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.** _____% No further questions
40. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Xeljanz) that is indicated for moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #51.** Yes No
41. Does the patient meet BOTH of the following: a) the patient was tested for the rheumatoid factor (RF) biomarker AND b) the RF biomarker test was positive? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing and skip to #48** Yes No

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42. Does the patient meet BOTH of the following: a) the patient was tested for the anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) biomarker AND b) the anti-CCP biomarker test was positive? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing and skip to #48***
 Yes No
43. Has the patient been tested for the rheumatoid factor (RF) biomarker? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing.*** Yes No
44. Has the patient been tested for the anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) biomarker? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing.***
 Yes No
45. Has the patient been tested for the C-reactive protein (CRP) and/or erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) biomarker(s)? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach laboratory results, chart notes, or medical record documentation of biomarker testing.*** Yes No
46. Please indicate if the patient tested positive or negative for the C-reactive protein (CRP) biomarker, or if the test was not completed. Positive for CRP Negative for CRP Test for CRP was not completed
47. Please indicate if the patient tested positive or negative for the erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) biomarker, or if the test was not completed. Positive for ESR Negative for ESR Test for ESR was not completed
48. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response after at least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate at a dose greater than or equal to 20 mg per week? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #51*** Yes No
49. Has the patient experienced an intolerance to methotrexate? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #51*** Yes No
50. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.*** Yes No
If Yes, indicate the contraindication: _____
51. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous, skip to #54
52. Does the prescribed dose exceed 4 mg per kg? Yes No
53. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No *No further questions*
54. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
55. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 100 kg, skip to #57*
56. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every other week? Yes No *No further questions*
57. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section C: Polyarticular and Oligoarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

58. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #62*
59. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #62.* Yes No Unknown
60. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No

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61. Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.***
- Number of joints with active arthritis (e.g., swelling, pain, limitation of motion), skip to #66
 - Number of joints with limitation of movement, skip to #66
 - Functional ability, skip to #66
 - None of the above
62. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) indicated for active articular juvenile idiopathic arthritis? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #66.*** Yes No
63. Has the patient had an inadequate response to methotrexate or another non-biologic DMARD administered at an adequate dose and duration? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #66.*** Yes No
64. Does the patient have any of the following risk factors?
- Positive rheumatoid factor
 - Positive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies
 - Pre-existing joint damage
 - None of the above
65. Does the patient meet any of the following?
- High-risk joints are involved (e.g., cervical spine, wrist, or hip)
 - High disease activity
 - High risk for disabling joint disease
 - None of the above
66. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous, skip to #71
67. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? Yes No
68. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg, *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #70*
69. Does the prescribed dose exceed 10 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
70. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
71. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
72. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #74*
73. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 3 weeks? Yes No *No further questions*
74. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No
- Section D: Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (sJIA)**
75. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #79*
76. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #79* Yes No Unknown
77. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug? Yes No
78. Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.***
- Number of joints with active arthritis (e.g., swelling, pain, limitation of motion), skip to #81
 - Number of joints with limitation of movement, skip to #81
 - Functional ability, skip to #81
 - Systemic symptoms (e.g., fevers, evanescent skin rashes), skip to #81
 - None of the above

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79. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) indicated for active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried and skip to #81*** Yes No
80. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to ANY of the following? *If Yes, please indicate. ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.*
- Yes - At least 1 month trial of NSAIDs
 - Yes - At least 2 weeks of treatment with corticosteroids
 - Yes - At least 3 months of treatment with methotrexate
 - Yes - At least 3 months of treatment with leflunomide
 - No - No history of an inadequate response to any of the above
81. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous, skip to #86
82. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No
83. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg, *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #85*
84. Does the prescribed dose exceed 12 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
85. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No *No further questions*
86. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No
87. What is the patient's weight? _____ kg *If greater than or equal to 30 kg, skip to #89*
88. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks?
 Yes No *No further questions*
89. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section E: Unicentric Castleman's Disease

90. Has the patient been tested for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) Yes No
91. What were the results of the HIV test? Positive Negative Unknown
92. Has the patient been tested for herpesvirus-8? Yes No
93. What were the results of the herpesvirus-8 test? Positive Negative Unknown
94. Is the disease relapsed or refractory? Yes No
95. Will the requested drug be used as second-line therapy? Yes No
96. Will the requested drug be used as monotherapy? *If Yes, go back to #14* Yes No

Section F: Multicentric Castleman's Disease

97. Is the disease relapsed/refractory or progressive? Yes No
98. Will the requested drug be used as second-line therapy? Yes No
99. Will the requested drug be used as monotherapy? *If Yes, go back to #14* Yes No

Section G: Immunotherapy-Related Inflammatory Arthritis

100. Is the disease severe or refractory? Yes No
101. Has the patient tried and not responded to corticosteroids and anti-inflammatory agents? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.*** Yes No

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102. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No

103. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

104. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No

105. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section H: Giant Cell Arteritis

106. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #110*

107. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #110* Yes No Unknown

108. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug?
 Yes No

109. Which of the following has the patient experienced an improvement in from baseline? ***ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response. For any answer except None of the above, check the corresponding box and skip to #112***

- Headaches
- Scalp tenderness
- Jaw and/or tongue claudication
- Limb claudication
- Tenderness and/or thickening of superficial temporal arteries
- Constitutional symptoms (e.g., weight loss, fever, fatigue, night sweats)
- Acute visual symptoms (e.g., amaurosis fugax, acute visual loss, diplopia)
- Symptoms of polymyalgia rheumatica (e.g., shoulder and/or hip girdle pain)
- None of the above

110. Has the diagnosis been confirmed by temporal artery biopsy or cross-sectional imaging?
If Yes, skip to #112 Yes No

111. Has the diagnosis been confirmed by acute-phase reactant elevation (i.e., high erythrocyte sedimentation rate [ESR] and/or high serum C-reactive protein [CRP])? Yes No

112. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

113. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No

114. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

Section I: Cytokine Release Syndrome

115. Has the patient been diagnosed with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell-induced cytokine release syndrome (CRS)? *If Yes, no further questions* Yes No

116. Does the patient have refractory cytokine release syndrome (CRS) related to blinatumomab therapy? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy.*** Yes No

Section J: Acute Graft versus Host Disease

117. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response to systemic corticosteroids? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please also attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy and skip to #119*** Yes No

118. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication to corticosteroids? ***ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy. If therapy is if not advisable, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy.*** Yes No

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119. Is the requested quantity supported by dosing guidelines found in the compendia or current literature (e.g., Micromedex DrugDex, NCCN compendia, current treatment guidelines)? Yes No

120. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

121. Does the prescribed dose exceed 8 mg per kg? Yes No

122. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every 2 weeks? Yes No

Section K: Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease

123. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? Yes No *If No, skip to #125*

124. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? Yes No *If No, skip to #126* Unknown

125. Has the diagnosis been confirmed by a high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) study of the chest? **ACTION REQUIRED: If 'Yes', please attach the radiology report.** Yes No

126. What is the route of administration? Intravenous Subcutaneous

127. Does the prescribed dose exceed 162 mg? Yes No

128. Is the prescribed frequency more frequent than one dose every week? Yes No

I attest that this information is accurate and true, and that documentation supporting this information is available for review if requested by Priority Partners.

X _____

Prescriber or Authorized Signature

Date (mm/dd/yy)

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