IOWA Health and Human Services

Request for Prior Authorization
IL-5 ANTAGONISTS

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Provider Help Desk
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IA Medicaid Member ID #	Patient name	DOB
Patient address		
Provider NPI	Prescriber name	Phone
Prescriber address		Fax
Pharmacy name	Address	Phone
Prescriber must complete all information above. It must be legible, correct, and complete or form will be returned.		
Pharmacy NPI	Pharmacy fax	NDC

Prior authorization is required for IL-5 antagonists. Requests will not be considered with concurrent use with another monoclonal antibody. Payment for a non-preferred agent will be authorized only for cases in which there is documentation of a previous trial and therapy failure with a preferred agent. Payment will be considered when patient has an FDA approved or compendia indication for the requested drug under the following conditions:

1. **Request adheres to all FDA approved labeling for requested drug and indication, including age, dosing, contraindications, warnings and precautions, drug interactions, and use in specific populations; and**
2. **Patient has a diagnosis of severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype; and**
   a. **Patient has a pretreatment blood eosinophil count of ≥150 cells/mcL within the previous 6 weeks or blood eosinophils of ≥300 cells/mcL within 12 months prior to initiation of therapy; and**
   b. **Symptoms are inadequately controlled with documentation of current treatment with a high-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) given in combination with a controller medication (long-acting beta2-agonist [LABA] and leukotriene receptor antagonist [LTRA]) for a minimum of 3 consecutive months, with or without oral corticosteroids. Patient must be compliant with therapy, based on pharmacy claims; and**
   c. **Patient has a history of two (2) or more exacerbations in the previous year despite regular use of high-dose ICS plus a LABA and LTRA; and**
   d. **A pretreatment forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV_1) <80% predicted in adults and < 90% in adolescents; or**
3. **Patient has a diagnosis of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis; and**
   a. **Patient has documentation of an adequate trial and therapy failure with systemic glucocorticoids; and**
   b. **One of the following:**
      i. **Eosinophil count > 1000 cells/mcL; or**
      ii. **Eosinophil count > 10% of the total leukocyte count; or**
4. **Patient has a diagnosis of hypereosinophilic syndrome (HES); and**
   a. **Patient has been diagnosed with HES for ≥ 6 months prior to starting treatment; and**
   b. **Documentation that non-hematologic secondary causes of HES have been ruled out; and**
   c. **Documentation patient does not have FIP1L1-PDGFRα kinase-positive HES; and**
   d. **Documentation of ≥ 2 HES flares within the previous 12 months while on stable HES therapy (e.g., chronic or episodic oral corticosteroids, immunosuppressive, or cytotoxic therapy); and**
   e. **Patient has a blood eosinophil count ≥ 1,000 cells/mcL; and**
   f. **Medication will be used in combination with stable doses of at least one other HES therapy; or**
5. **Patient has a diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP); and**
   a. **Documentation mepolizumab will be used as an add-on maintenance treatment with a nasal corticosteroid spray; and**
   b. **Documentation of an adequate trial and therapy failure with at least one preferred medication from each of the following categories:**
      i. **Nasal corticosteroid spray; and**
      ii. **Oral corticosteroid; or**
6. **Patient has a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) with an eosinophilic phenotype; and**
   a. **Patient has moderate to very severe airflow limitation, measured within the past 12 months, as evidenced by both of the following:**
      i. **FEV_1/FVC ratio < 0.7, and**
      ii. **FEV_1% predicted of 20% and 80%; and**
   b. **Patient has a minimum blood eosinophil count of 150 cells/mcL, measured within the past 12 months; and**
   c. **Patient has documentation of maximal inhaled therapy for 3 or more months and an inadequate response to therapy with:**
      i. **Triple therapy with all of the following treatments:**

1. **Long-acting muscarinic antagonist/anticholinergic (LAMA); and**
2. **Long-acting beta2-agonist (LABA); and**
3. **Inhaled corticosteroid (ICS); or**

ii. **Double therapy with both of the following if ICS is contraindicated:**
1. **LABA, and**
2. **LAMA; and**

d. **Patient has a history of at least 2 moderate or 1 severe exacerbation(s) in the previous 12 months despite receiving maximal triple therapy or double therapy (defined above). Moderate exacerbation is defined as patient required treatment with systemic corticosteroids and/or antibiotics and severe exacerbation is defined as hospitalization or observation for over 24 hours in an emergency department or urgent care facility; and**

e. **Documentation mepolizumab will be used as an add-on maintenance treatment with triple or double therapy (as defined above); and**

7. **Medication will be administered in the patient's home; and**
8. **Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, hematologist, immunologist, otolaryngologist, pulmonologist, or rheumatologist.**

If the criteria for coverage are met, an initial authorization will be given for 3 months for a diagnosis of severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype and eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis, 6 months for a diagnosis of hypereosinophilic syndrome or CRSwNP, or 12 months for a diagnosis of COPD to assess the need for continued therapy. Requests for continuation of therapy will be based on continued medical necessity and will be considered when the following criteria are met:

Severe Asthma with an Eosinophilic Phenotype:
1. **Patient continues to receive therapy with an ICS, LABA and LTRA; and**
2. **Patient has experienced a reduction in asthma signs and symptoms including wheezing, chest tightness, coughing, shortness of breath; or**
3. **Patient has experienced a decrease in administration of rescue medication (albuterol); or**
4. **Patient has experienced a decrease in exacerbation frequency; or**
5. **Patient has experienced an increase in predicted FEV_1 from the pretreatment baseline.**

Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis:
1. **Patient has demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (increase in remission time).**

Hypereosinophilic Syndrome:
1. **Patient has demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (improvement of symptoms and/or reduction in the number of flares); and**
2. **Medication continues to be used in combination with stable doses of at least one other HES therapy.**

Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps (CRSwNP):
1. **Patient has demonstrated positive clinical response to therapy (improvement in symptoms); and**
2. **Continues to receive medication as add-on maintenance therapy with a nasal corticosteroid spray.**

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
1. **Patient has demonstrated positive clinical response to therapy; and**
2. **Continues to receive add-on maintenance therapy with triple or double therapy (as defined above).**

The required trials may be overridden when documented evidence is provided that the use of these agents would be medically contraindicated.

Preferred

☐ Fasenra Auto-Injector ☐ Nucala Auto-Injector ☐ Nucala Prefilled Syringe

Strength	Dosage Instructions	Quantity	Days Supply

Diagnosis: _____

Is prescriber and allergist, hematologist, immunologist, otolaryngologist, pulmonologist, or rheumatologist?

❑ **Yes, document specialty:** _____

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❑ **No** If no, note consultation with specialist:

Consultation Date:_____ Physician Name, Specialty & Phone: _____

Will the patient be taking requested medication in combination with another monoclonal antibody? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Will the medication be administered in the patient's home? ☐ No ☐ Yes

☐ **Severe Asthma with an Eosinophilic Phenotype:**

Pretreatment blood eosinophil count (attach lab):_____ Date Obtained: _____

OR

Blood eosinophil count obtained within 12 months prior to initiation of treatment (attach lab): _____

Date Obtained:_____

Pretreatment Baseline ppFEV$_1$: _____ Date Obtained: _____

Document current use of:

High-dose inhaled corticosteroid: Drug Name:_____Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions:_____Trial start date: _____

Long-Acting Beta2-Agonist: Drug Name:_____Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions:_____Trial start date: _____

Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist: Drug Name:_____Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions:_____Trial start date: _____

Does patient have a history of two (2) or more exacerbations in the previous year despite regular use of high-dose ICS plus a LABA and LTRA? ☐ No ☐ Yes (provide dates): _____

☐ **Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis:**

Document trial of systemic glucocorticoid: Drug Name:_____ Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions: _____ Trial start & end date: _____

Pretreatment blood eosinophil count (attach lab): _____ Date Obtained: _____

OR

Eosinophil count > 10% of the total leukocyte count (attach lab): _____ Date Obtained: _____

☐ **Hypereosinophilic Syndrome:**

Has patient been diagnosed with HES for ≥ 6 months prior to starting treatment?
☐ No ☐ Yes Date of diagnosis: _____

Have non-hematologic secondary causes of HES been ruled out? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Does patient have FIP1L1-PDGFRα kinase-positive HES? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Has patient had ≥ 2 HES flares within the previous 12 months while on stable HES therapy?

☐ No

☐ Yes Provide dates of HES flares: _____

HES therapy & dates of therapy: _____

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Does patient have a blood eosinophil count ≥ 1,000 cells /mcL? ☐ No ☐ Yes Date obtained: _____

Will medication be used in combination with stable doses of at least one other HES therapy?

☐ No

☐ Yes Drug Name & Dosing Instructions: _____

☐ **CRSwNP:**

Will mepolizumab be used as an add-on maintenance treatment with a nasal corticosteroid spray?

☐ No ☐ Yes; Provide Drug Name & Dose: _____

Document at least one preferred drug trial from each of the following categories:

Nasal corticosteroid spray: Drug Name:_____ Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions:_____ Trial start date: _____

Oral corticosteroid: Drug Name:_____ Strength: _____

Dosing Instructions:_____ Trial start date: _____

☐ **COPD with an eosinophilic phenotype:**

Provide all of the following information:

FEV1/FVC ratio: _____ Date obtained: _____

FEV1 % predicted: _____ Date obtained: _____

Blood eosinophil count: _____ Date obtained: _____

Trial information:

LABA Trial:

Name/dose:_____Trial dates: _____

Failure reason/medical contraindication: _____

LAMA Trial:

Name/dose:_____Trial dates:_____

Failure reason/medical contraindication: _____

ICS Trial:

Name/dose:_____Trial dates:_____

Failure reason/medical contraindication: _____

Document exacerbations:

Moderate:

Date: _____ Treatment needed: _____

Date: _____ Treatment needed: _____

Severe:

Date: _____ **Place of care:** _____

Will patient continue to receive maintenance therapy concomitantly with mepolizumab?

☐ Yes ☐ No

For Renewals Only:

Severe Asthma with an Eosinophilic Phenotype:

Does patient continue to receive therapy with an ICS, LABA and LTRA? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Please indicate if the patient has experienced any of the following (check all that apply):

☐ Reduction in asthma signs and symptoms including:
- o wheezing
- o chest tightness
- o coughing
- o shortness of breath

☐ Decrease in administration of rescue medications
☐ (albuterol) Decrease in exacerbation frequency
☐ Increase in ppFEV$_1$ from the pretreatment baseline Current ppFEV$_1$:_____Date Obtained: _____

Please describe: _____

Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis:

Has patient demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (increase in remission time)?

☐ No
☐ Yes, please describe: _____

_____

Hypereosinophilic Syndrome:

Has patient demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (improvement in symptoms and/or reduction in the number of flares)?

☐ No
☐ Yes, please describe: _____

_____

Is medication being used in combination with stable doses of at least one other HES therapy?

☐ No ☐ Yes Drug Name:_____Dosing Instructions: _____

CRSwNP:

Has patient demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (improvement in symptoms)?

☐ No
☐ Yes, please describe: _____

_____

Does patient continue to receive medication as add-on therapy with a nasal corticosteroid spray?

☐ No ☐ Yes; Provide Drug Name & Dose: _____

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COPD:

Has patient demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy?

☐ No ☐ Yes, please describe: _____

_____

Does patient continue to receive add-on maintenance therapy with triple or double therapy?

☐ No ☐ Yes; Provide Drug Name & Dose: _____

Medical or contraindication reason to override trial requirements: _____

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Attach lab results and other documentation as necessary.

Prescriber signature (Must match prescriber listed above.)	Date of submission

IMPORTANT NOTE: *In evaluating requests for prior authorization the consultant will consider the treatment from the standpoint of medical necessity only. If approval of this request is granted, this does not indicate that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid. It is the responsibility of the provider who initiates the request for prior authorization to establish by inspection of the member's Medicaid eligibility card and, if necessary, by contact with the county Department of Health and Human Services, that the member continues to be eligible for Medicaid.*