# Clinical Policy: Adalimumab (Humira), Adalimumab-atto (Amjevita), Adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo), Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima), Adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz), Adalimumab-aacf (Idacio), Adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma), Adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry)

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## Description

Adalimumab (Humira®), adalimumab-atto (Amjevita™), adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo™), adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima™), adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz™), and adalimumab-aacf (Idacio®), adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma®), and adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry™) are tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers.

## FDA Approved Indication(s)

| Indications | Description | Humira | Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo/adalimumab-adbm, Hadlima, Hulio/adalimumab-fkjp, Hyrimoz/adalimumab-adaz, Idacio, Simlandi, Yuflyma, Yusimry |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) | Reducing signs and symptoms, inducing major clinical response, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with moderately to severely active RA | X | X |
| Juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) | Reducing signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular JIA in patients 2 years of age and older | X | X |
| Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) | Reducing signs and symptoms, inhibiting the progression of structural damage, and improving physical function in adult patients with active PsA | X | X |
| Ankylosing spondylitis (AS) | Reducing signs and symptoms in adult patients with active AS | X | X |

| Indications | Description | Humira | Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo/adalimumab-adbm, Hadlima, Hulio/ adalimumab-fkjp, Hyrimoz/adalimumab-adaz, Idacio, Simlandi, Yuflyma, Yusimry |
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| Crohn's disease (CD) | Treatment of moderately to severely active CD in adults and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older | X | X |
| Adult ulcerative colitis (UC) | Treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adult patients<br><br>Limitation of use: Effectiveness has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers | X | X |
| Pediatric UC | Treatment of moderately to severely active UC in pediatric patients 5 years of age and older<br><br>Limitation of use: Effectiveness has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers | X | – |
| Plaque psoriasis (PsO) | The treatment of adult patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy, and when other systemic therapies are medically less appropriate | X | X |
| Pediatric hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) | The treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in patients 12 years of age and older | X | – |
| Adult HS | The treatment of moderate to severe hiradenitis suppurativa in adult patients | X | X |
| Pediatric uveitis (UV) | The treatment of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older | X | – |
| Adult UV | The treatment of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, and panuveitis in adult patients | X | X |

**Policy/Criteria**
*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Humira, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, and Yusimry are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria**

**A. Ankylosing Spondylitis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of AS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Request is for Humira®
5. Failure of at least TWO NSAIDs at up to maximally indicated doses, each used for ≥ 4 weeks unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
7. Dose does not exceed 40 mg every other week.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**B. Crohn's Disease** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of CD;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 6 years;
5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. Failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of at least ONE immunomodulator (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine [6-MP], MTX) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
   b. Medical justification supports inability to use immunomodulators (*see Appendix E*);
6. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
7. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
   a. Adults: 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every other week starting Day 29;
   b. Pediatrics (i or ii):

i. Weight 17 kg (37 lbs.) to < 40 kg (88 lbs.): 80 mg on Day 1 and 40 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 20 mg every other week starting Day 29;
ii. Weight ≥ 40 kg (88 lbs): 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every other week starting Day 29.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**C. Hidradenitis Suppurativa** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of HS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist, rheumatologist, or gastroenterologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 12 years;
5. Documentation of Hurley stage II or stage III (*see Appendix D*);
6. Failure of at least TWO of the following, each tried for ≥ 3 consecutive months from different therapeutic classes, at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated:
   a. Systemic antibiotic therapy (e.g., clindamycin, minocycline, doxycycline, rifampin);
   b. Oral retinoids (e.g., , isotretinoin);
   c. Hormonal treatment (e.g., estrogen-containing combined oral contraceptives, spironolactone);
7. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
8. Dose does not exceed 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every week starting Day 29.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**D. Plaque Psoriasis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of moderate-to-severe PsO as evidenced by involvement of one of the following (a or b):
   a. ≥ 3% of total body surface area;
   b. Hands, feet, scalp, face, or genital area;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or rheumatologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 18 years;
5. Member meets one of the following (a,b, or c):
   a. Failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of MTX at up to maximally indicated doses;
   b. Member has intolerance or contraindication to MTX (*see Appendix D*), and failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of cyclosporine at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated;

c. Member has intolerance or contraindication to MTX, cyclosporine, and failure of phototherapy, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

6. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
7. Dose does not exceed 80 mg initial dose, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every other week starting one week after initial dose.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**E. Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of PJIA as evidenced by ≥ 5 joints with active arthritis;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 2 years;
5. Documented baseline 10-joint clinical juvenile arthritis disease activity score (cJADAS-10) (*see Appendix J*);
6. Member meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
   a. Failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of MTX at up to maximally indicated doses;
   b. Member has intolerance or contraindication to MTX (*see Appendix D*), and failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of leflunomide or sulfasalazine at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated;
   c. For sacroiliitis/axial spine involvement (i.e., spine, hip), failure of a ? 4 week trial of an NSAID at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
   d. Documented presence of high disease activity as evidenced by a cJADAS-10 > 8.5 (*see Appendix J*);
7. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, or c):
   a. Weight 10 kg (22 lbs) to <15 kg (33 lbs): 10 mg every other week;
   b. Weight 15 kg (33 lbs) to < 30 kg (66 lbs): 20 mg every other week;
   c. Weight ≥ 30 kg (66 lbs): 40 mg every other week.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**F. Psoriatic Arthritis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of PsA;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or rheumatologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 18 years;
5. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
6. Dose does not exceed 40 mg every other week.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**G. Rheumatoid Arthritis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of RA per American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria (*see Appendix G*);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 18 years;
5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. Failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of MTX at up to maximally indicated doses;
   b. Member has intolerance or contraindication to MTX (*see Appendix D*), and failure of a ≥ 3 consecutive month trial of at least ONE conventional disease-modifying antirheumatic drug [DMARD] (e.g., sulfasalazine, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Documentation of one of the following baseline assessment scores (a or b):
   a. Clinical disease activity index (CDAI) score (*see Appendix H*);
   b. Routine assessment of patient index data 3 (RAPID3) score (*see Appendix I)*;
7. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
8. Dose does not exceed 40 mg every other week.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**H. Ulcerative Colitis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of UC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Request is for Humira®
4. Age ≥ 5 years;
5. Documentation of a Mayo Score ≥ 6 (*see Appendix F*);
6. Failure of an 8-week trial of systemic corticosteroids, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
8. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, or c):
   a. For adults: 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every other week starting Day 29.
   b. For pediatric patients weighing more than 20 kg, but less than 40 kg: 80 mg on Day 1, 40 mg on Day 8 and Day 15, followed by maintenance doses of 40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week
   c. For pediatric patients weighing more than 40 kg: 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 8 and 15, followed by maintenance doses of 80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**I. Uveitis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior or panuveitis;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist or rheumatologist;

3. Age ≥ 2 years;
4. Request is for Humira®
5. Failure of a ≥ 2 week trial of a systemic corticosteroid (e.g., prednisone) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Failure of a trial of a non-biologic immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., azathioprine, methotrexate, mycophenolate mofetil, cyclosporine, tacrolimus, cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
8. Dose does not exceed 80 mg initial dose, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every other week starting one week after initial dose.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**J. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
   a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
   b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid

## II. Continued Therapy

**A. Rheumatoid Arthritis** (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by one of the following (a or b):
   a. A decrease in CDAI (*see Appendix H*) or RAPID3 (*see Appendix I*) score from baseline;
   b. Medical justification stating inability to conduct CDAI re-assessment, and submission of RAPID3 score associated with disease severity that is similar to initial CDAI assessment or improved;
3. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);

4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):*
   a. 40 mg every other week;
   b. 40 mg every week and both of the following (i and ii):
      i. Documentation supports inadequate response to a ≥ 3 month trial of 40 mg every other week or member is not a candidate for concurrent methotrexate and Humira due to contraindications or intolerance;

**Approval duration: 12 months***
**(If new dosing regimen, approve for 6 months)*

**B. All Other Indications in Section I** (must meet all)**:**
1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
   a. For HS, at least a 25% reduction in inflammatory nodules and abscesses;
   b. For pJIA, member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by a decrease in cJADAS-10 from baseline (*see Appendix J*)
   c. For all other indications: member is responding positively to therapy;

3. Member does not have combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs or Janus kinase inhibitors (*see Section III: Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized*);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, or c):
   a. PJIA, PsA, AS, CD, PsO, UV: 40 mg every other week;
   b. HS: 40 mg every week;
   c. For UC, one of the following (i or ii)
      i. 40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week;
      ii. 80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week, and member initiated Humira prior to 18 years of age.

**Approval duration: 12 months***
**(If new dosing regimen, approve for 6 months)*

**C. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2)**:**
1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
   a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
   b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents;

B. Combination use with biological disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (bDMARDs) or potent immunosuppressants, including but not limited to any tumor necrosis factor (TNF) antagonists [e.g., Cimzia®, Enbrel®, Humira® and its biosimilars, Remicade® and its biosimilars (Avsola™, Inflectra™, Renflexis™, Zymfentra®), Simponi®], interleukin agents [e.g., Actemra® (IL-6RA), Arcalyst® (IL-1 blocker), Bimzelx® (IL-17A and F antagonist), Cosentyx® (IL-17A inhibitor), Ilaris® (IL-1 blocker), Ilumya™ (IL-23 inhibitor), Kevzara® (IL-6RA), Kineret® (IL-1RA), Omvoh™ (IL-23 antagonist), Siliq™ (IL-17RA), Skyrizi™ (IL-23 inhibitor), Stelara® (IL-12/23 inhibitor), Taltz® (IL-17A inhibitor), Tofidence™ (IL-6), Tremfya® (IL-23 inhibitor), Tyenne® (IL-6), Wezlana™ (IL-12/23 inhibitor)], Janus kinase inhibitors (JAKi) [e.g., Cibinqo™, Olumiant™, Rinvoq™, Xeljanz®/Xeljanz® XR,], anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies [Rituxan® and its biosimilars (Riabni™, Ruxience™, Truxima®), Rituxan Hycela®], selective co-stimulation modulators [Orencia®], integrin receptor antagonists [Entyvio®], tyrosine kinase 2 inhibitors [Sotyktu™], and sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor modulator [Velsipity™] because of the additive immunosuppression, increased risk of neutropenia, as well as increased risk of serious infections.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

6-MP: 6-mercaptopurine
AS: ankylosing spondylitis
CD: Crohn's disease
CDAI: clinical disease activity index
cJADAS: clinical juvenile arthritis disease activity score
DMARD: disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
GI: gastrointestinal
HS: hidradenitis suppurative
MTX: methotrexate
NSAIDs: nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
PJIA: polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
PsA: psoriatic arthritis
PsO: psoriasis
RA: rheumatoid arthritis
RAPID3: routine assessment of patient index data 3
TNF: tumor necrosis factor
UC: ulcerative colitis
UV: uveitis

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
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| acitretin (Soriatane®) | **PsO, HS**<br>25 or 50 mg PO QD | 50 mg/day |
| azathioprine (Azasan®, Imuran®) | **RA**<br>1 mg/kg/day PO QD or divided BID<br><br>**CD*, UV***<br>1.5 – 2 mg/kg/day PO | 2.5 mg/kg/day |
| chlorambucil (Leukeran®) | **UV***<br>0.2 mg/kg PO QD, then taper to 0.1 mg/kg PO QD or less | 0.2 mg/kg/day |
| clindamycin (Cleocin®) + rifampin (Rifadin®) | **HS***<br>clindamycin 300 mg PO BID and rifampin 300 mg PO BID | clindamycin: 1,800 mg/day<br>rifampin: 600 mg/day |
| corticosteroids | **CD***<br>prednisone 40 mg PO QD for 2 weeks or IV 50 – 100 mg Q6H for 1 week<br><br>budesonide (Entocort EC® ) 6 – 9 mg PO QD<br><br>**UV***<br>prednisone 5 – 60 mg/day PO in 1 – 4 divided doses | Various |
| Cuprimine® (d-penicillamine) | **RA***<br>Initial dose:<br>125 or 250 mg PO QD<br>Maintenance dose:<br>500 – 750 mg/day PO QD | 1,500 mg/day |
| cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®) | **UV***<br>1 – 2 mg/kg/day PO | N/A |
| cyclosporine (Sandimmune®, Neoral®) | **PsO**<br>2.5 mg/kg/day PO divided BID<br><br>**RA**<br>2.5 – 4 mg/kg/day PO divided BID | PsO, RA: 4 mg/kg/day<br><br>UV: 5 mg/kg/day |

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| | **UV***<br>2.5 – 5 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses | |
| doxycycline (Acticlate®) | **HS***<br>50 – 100 mg PO BID | 300 mg/day |

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| Hormonal agents (e.g., estrogen-containing combined oral contraceptives, spironolactone) | **HS**<br>varies | varies |
| hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil®) | **RA***<br>Initial dose:<br>400 – 600 mg/day PO QD<br>Maintenance dose:<br>200 – 400 mg/day PO QD | 600 mg/day |
| Isotretinoin (Absorica®, Amnesteem®, Claravis®, Myorisan®, Zenatane®) | **HS**<br>varies | varies<br>1.6 to 2 mg/kg/day |
| leflunomide (Arava®) | **PJIA***<br>Weight < 20 kg: 10 mg every other day PO<br>Weight 20 - 40 kg: 10 mg/day PO<br>Weight > 40 kg: 20 mg/day PO<br><br>**RA**<br>100 mg PO QD for 3 days, then 20 mg PO QD | 20 mg/day |
| 6-mercaptopurine (Purixan®) | **CD***<br>50 mg PO QD or 1 – 2 mg/kg/day PO | 2 mg/kg/day |
| methotrexate (Rheumatrex®) | **CD***<br>15 – 25 mg/week IM or SC<br><br>**PsO**<br>10 – 25 mg/week PO or 2.5 mg PO Q12 hr for 3 doses/week<br><br>**PJIA***<br>10 – 20 mg/m$^2$/week PO, SC, or IM<br><br>**RA**<br>7.5 mg/week PO, SC, or IM or 2.5 mg PO Q12 hr for 3 doses/week<br><br>**UV*** | 30 mg/week |

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| | 7.5 – 20 mg/week PO | |
| minocycline (Minocin®) | **HS*** <br> 50 – 100 mg PO BID | 200 mg/day |
| mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept®) | **UV*** <br> 500 – 1,000 mg PO BID | 3 g/day |
| NSAIDs (e.g., indomethacin, ibuprofen, naproxen, celecoxib) | **AS** <br> Varies | Varies |
| Pentasa® (mesalamine) | **CD** <br> 1,000 mg PO QID | 4 g/day |
| Ridaura® (auranofin) | **RA** <br> 6 mg PO QD or 3 mg PO BID | 9 mg/day (3 mg TID) |
| sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®) | **PJIA*** <br> 30-50 mg/kg/day PO divided BID <br><br> **RA** <br> 2 g/day PO in divided doses | PJIA: 2 g/day <br><br> RA: 3 g/day <br><br> UC: 4 g/day |
| tacrolimus (Prograf®) | **CD*** <br> 0.27 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses or 0.15 – 0.29 mg/kg/day PO <br><br> **UV*** <br> 0.1-0.15 mg/kg/day PO | N/A |
| Actemra® (tocilizumab) | **RA** <br> IV: 4 mg/kg every 4 weeks followed by an increase to 8 mg/kg every 4 weeks based on clinical response <br><br> SC: <br> Weight < 100 kg: 162 mg SC every other week, followed by an increase to every week based on clinical response Weight ? 100 kg: 162 mg SC every week | IV: 800 mg every 4 weeks <br> SC: 162 mg every week |
| Enbrel® (etanercept) | **AS** <br> 50 mg SC once weekly <br><br> **PJIA** <br> Weight < 63 kg: 0.8 mg/kg SC once weekly <br> Weight ? 63 kg: 50 mg SC once weekly | 50 mg/week |

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|
| | **PsA, RA**<br>25 mg SC twice weekly or 50 mg SC once weekly | |
| Cimzia®<br>(certolizumab) | **AS**<br>Initial dose: 400 mg SC at 0, 2, and 4 weeks<br>Maintenance dose: 200 mg SC every other week (or 400 mg SC every 4 weeks) | 400 mg every 4 weeks |
| Kevzara®<br>(sarilumab) | **RA**<br>200 mg SC once every two weeks | 200 mg/2 weeks |
| Otezla®<br>(apremilast) | **PsA**<br>Initial dose:<br>Day 1: 10 mg PO QAM<br>Day 2: 10 mg PO QAM and 10 mg PO QPM<br>Day 3: 10 mg PO QAM and 20 mg PO QPM<br>Day 4: 20 mg PO QAM and 20 mg PO QPM<br>Day 5: 20 mg PO QAM and 30 mg PO QPM<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>Day 6 and thereafter: 30 mg PO BID | 60 mg/day |
| Taltz®<br>(ixekizumab) | **AS, PsA**<br>Initial dose: 160 mg (two 80 mg injections) SC at week 0<br>Maintenance dose:<br>80 mg SC every 4 weeks<br><br>**PsO**<br>Initial dose:<br>160 mg (two 80 mg injections) SC at week 0, then 80 mg SC at weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12<br>Maintenance dose:<br>80 mg SC every 4 weeks | 80 mg every 4 weeks |
| Xeljanz®<br>(tofacitinib) | **PsA, RA**<br>5 mg PO BID | **PsA, RA**<br>10 mg/day |

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| Xeljanz XR® (tofacitinib extended-release) | **PsA, RA**<br>11 mg PO QD | **PsA,RA**<br>11 mg/day |

*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*
**Off-label*

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s):
  - Serious infections
  - Malignancy

*Appendix D: General Information*

- Definition of failure of MTX or DMARDs
  - Child-bearing age is not considered a contraindication for use of MTX. Each drug has risks in pregnancy. An educated patient and family planning would allow use of MTX in patients who have no intention of immediate pregnancy.
  - Social use of alcohol is not considered a contraindication for use of MTX. MTX may only be contraindicated if patients choose to drink over 14 units of alcohol per week. However, excessive alcohol drinking can lead to worsening of the condition, so patients who are serious about clinical response to therapy should refrain from excessive alcohol consumption.
- Examples of positive response to therapy may include, but are not limited to:
  - Reduction in joint pain/swelling/tenderness
  - Improvement in ESR/CRP levels
  - Improvements in activities of daily living
- Hidradenitis suppurativa:
  - HS is sometimes referred to as: "acne inversa, acne conglobata, apocrine acne, apocrinitis, Fox-den disease, hidradenitis axillaris, HS, pyodermia sinifica fistulans, Velpeau's disease, and Verneuil's disease."
  - In HS, Hurley stages are used to determine severity of disease. Hurley stage II indicates moderate disease, and is characterized by recurrent abscesses, with sinus tracts and scarring, presenting as single or multiple widely separated lesions. Hurley stage III indicates severe disease, and is characterized by diffuse or near-diffuse involvement presenting as multiple interconnected tracts and abscesses across an entire area.
- Ulcerative colitis: there is insufficient evidence to support the off-label weekly dosing of Humira for the treatment of moderate-to-severe UC. It is the position of Centene Corporation® that the off-label weekly dosing of Humira for the treatment of moderate-to-severe UC is investigational and not medically necessary at this time.
  - The evidence from the *post hoc* study of the Humira pivotal trial suggests further studies are needed to confirm the benefit of weekly Humira dosing for the treatment of UC in patients with inadequate or loss of therapeutic response to treatment with Humira every other week. No large, randomized or prospective studies have been published to support the efficacy of the higher frequency of dosing, while national and international treatment guidelines also do not strongly support dose escalation of

Humira for UC. The current market consensus is that weekly dosing of Humira is not medically necessary due to lack of evidence to support its benefit.

*Appendix E: Immunomodulator Medical Justification*

- The following may be considered for medical justification supporting inability to use an immunomodulator for Crohn's disease:
  - Inability to induce short-term symptomatic remission with a 3-month trial of systemic glucocorticoids
  - High-risk factors for intestinal complications may include:
    - Initial extensive ileal, ileocolonic, or proximal GI involvement
    - Initial extensive perianal/severe rectal disease
    - Fistulizing disease (e.g., perianal, enterocutaneous, and rectovaginal fistulas)
    - Deep ulcerations
    - Penetrating, stricturing or stenosis disease and/or phenotype
    - Intestinal obstruction or abscess
  - High risk factors for postoperative recurrence may include:
    - Less than 10 years duration between time of diagnosis and surgery
    - Disease location in the ileum and colon
    - Perianal fistula
    - Prior history of surgical resection
    - Use of corticosteroids prior to surgery

*Appendix F: Mayo Score*

- Mayo Score: evaluates ulcerative colitis stage, based on four parameters: stool frequency, rectal bleeding, endoscopic evaluation and Physician's global assessment. Each parameter of the score ranges from zero (normal or inactive disease) to 3 (severe activity) with an overall score of 12.

| Score | Decoding |
|---|---|
| 0 – 2 | Remission |
| 3 – 5 | Mild activity |
| 6 – 10 | Moderate activity |
| >10 | Severe activity |

- The following may be considered for medical justification supporting inability to use an immunomodulator for ulcerative colitis:
  - Documentation of Mayo Score 6 – 12 indicative of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis.

*Appendix G: The 2010 ACR Classification Criteria for RA*

Add score of categories A through D; a score of ≥ 6 out of 10 is needed for classification of a patient as having definite RA.

| A | Joint involvement | Score |
|---|---|---|
| | 1 large joint | 0 |
| | 2-10 large joints | 1 |
| | 1-3 small joints (with or without involvement of large joints) | 2 |
| | 4-10 small joints (with or without involvement of large joints) | 3 |
| | > 10 joints (at least one small joint) | 5 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **B** | **Serology (at least one test result is needed for classification)** | |
| | Negative rheumatoid factor (RF) *and* negative anti-citrullinated protein antibody (ACPA) | 0 |
| | Low positive RF *or* low positive ACPA<br>* *Low: < 3 x upper limit of normal* | 2 |
| | High positive RF *or* high positive ACPA<br>* *High: ≥ 3 x upper limit of normal* | 3 |
| **C** | **Acute phase reactants (at least one test result is needed for classification)** | |
| | Normal C-reactive protein (CRP) and normal erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) | 0 |
| | Abnormal CRP or abnormal ESR | 1 |
| **D** | **Duration of symptoms** | |
| | < 6 weeks | 0 |
| | ≥ 6 weeks | 1 |

*Appendix H: Clinical Disease Activity Index (CDAI) Score*
The Clinical Disease Activity Index (CDAI) is a composite index for assessing disease activity in RA. CDAI is based on the simple summation of the count of swollen/tender joint count of 28 joints along with patient and physician global assessment on VAS (0–10 cm) Scale for estimating disease activity. The CDAI score ranges from 0 to 76.

| CDAI Score | Disease state interpretation |
|---|---|
| < 2.8 | Remission |
| > 2.8 to ≤ 10 | Low disease activity |
| > 10 to ≤ 22 | Moderate disease activity |
| > 22 | High disease activity |

*Appendix I: Routine Assessment of Patient Index Data 3 (RAPID3) Score*
The Routine Assessment of Patient Index Data 3 (RAPID3) is a pooled index of the three patient-reported ACR core data set measures: function, pain, and patient global estimate of status. Each of the individual measures is scored 0 – 10, and the maximum achievable score is 30.

| RAPID3 Score | Disease state interpretation |
|---|---|
| < 3 | Remission |
| 3.1 to 6 | Low disease activity |
| 6.1 to 12 | Moderate disease activity |
| > 12 | High disease activity |

*Appendix J: Clinical Juvenile Arthritis Disease Activity Score based on 10 joints (cJADAS-10)*
The cJADAS10 is a continuous disease activity score specific to JIA and consisting of the following three parameters totaling a maximum of 30 points:

- Physician's global assessment of disease activity measured on a 0-10 visual analog scale (VAS), where 0 = no activity and 10 = maximum activity;
- Parent global assessment of well-being measured on a 0-10 VAS, where 0 = very well and 10 = very poor;

- Count of joints with active disease to a maximum count of 10 active joints*

**ACR definition of active joint: presence of swelling (not due to currently inactive synovitis or to bony enlargement) or, if swelling is not present, limitation of motion accompanied by pain, tenderness, or both*

| cJADAS-10 | Disease state interpretation |
|---|---|
| ≤ 1 | Inactive disease |
| 1.1 to 2.5 | Low disease activity |
| 2.51 to 8.5 | Moderate disease activity |
| > 8.5 | High disease activity |

## V. Dosage and Administration

| Drug Name | Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adalimumab (Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry) | RA | 40 mg SC every other week<br><br>Some patients with RA not receiving concomitant methotrexate may benefit from increasing the frequency to 40 mg every week or 80 mg every other week. | 40 mg/week |
| | PJIA | **Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hyrimoz:**<br>Weight 10 kg (22 lbs) to < 15 kg (33 lbs): 10 mg SC every other week<br><br>**Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio:**<br>Weight 15 kg (33 lbs) to < 30 kg (66 lbs): 20 mg SC every other week<br><br>**Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry:**<br>Weight ≥ 30 kg (66 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week | 40 mg every other week |
| | PsA<br>AS | 40 mg SC every other week | 40 mg every other week |
| | CD | <u>Initial dose:</u><br>*Adults:* 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15<br><br>*Pediatrics:*<br>**Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio:**<br>Weight 17 kg (37 lbs) to < 40 kg (88 lbs): 80 mg SC on Day 1, then 40 mg SC on Day 15 | 40 mg every other week |

| Drug Name | Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Yuflyma, Yusimry:**<br>Weight ≥ 40 kg (88 lbs): 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>*Adults:* 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29<br><br>*Pediatrics:*<br>**Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio:**<br>Weight 17 kg (37 lbs) to < 40 kg (88 lbs): 20 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29<br>**Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry:**<br>Weight ≥ 40 kg (88 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29 | |
| | UC | Initial dose:<br>*Adults:* 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>*Adults:* 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29 | 40 mg every week |
| | PsO | Initial dose:<br>80 mg SC<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>40 mg SC every other week starting one week after initial dose | 40 mg every other week |

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<tr><th>Drug Name</th><th>Indication</th><th>Dosing Regimen</th><th>Maximum Dose</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Adalimumab (Humira)</td><td>Pediatric UC</td><td><u>Initial dose:</u><br>Pediatrics:<br><table><tr><th>Weight</th><th>Days 1 through 15</th></tr><tr><td>20 kg to less than 40 kg</td><td>Day 1: 80 mg<br>Day 8: 40 mg<br>Day 15: 40 mg</td></tr><tr><td>40 kg and greater</td><td>Day 1: 160 mg (single dose or split over two consecutive days<br>Day 8: 80 mg<br>Day 15: 80 mg</td></tr></table><br>Pediatrics:<br><table><tr><th>Weight</th><th>Starting on Day 29*</th></tr><tr><td>20 kg to less than 40 kg</td><td>40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week</td></tr><tr><td>40 kg and greater</td><td>80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week</td></tr></table><br>*Continue the recommended pediatric dosage in patients who turn 18 years of age and who are well-controlled on Humira regimen.</td><td>80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week</td></tr>
<tr><td>UV</td><td>Pediatrics:<br>Weight 10 kg (22 lbs) to < 15 kg (33 lbs): 10 mg SC every other week<br>Weight 15 kg (33 lbs) to < 30 kg (66 lbs): 20 mg SC every other week<br>Weight ≥ 30 kg (66 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week<br><br>Adults:<br>Initial dose of 80 mg SC, followed by 40 mg SC every other week starting one week after the initial dose</td><td>40 mg every other week</td></tr>
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| Drug Name | Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adalimumab (Humira, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hyrimoz, Yuflyma, Yusimry) | HS | **Humira:**<br>*For patients 12 years of age and older weighing at least 30 kg:*<br>Initial dose:<br>Weight 30 kg (66 lbs) to < 60 kg (132 lbs): 80 mg SC on Day 1, then 40 mg on Day 8<br>Weight ≥ 60 kg (132 lbs): 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>Weight 30 kg (66 lbs) to < 60 kg (132 lbs): 40 mg every other week<br>Weight ≥ 60 kg (132 lbs): 40 mg SC every week or 80 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29<br><br>**Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hyrimoz, Yuflyma, Yusimry:**<br>Initial dose:<br>*Adults:* 160 mg SC on day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15<br><br>Maintenance dose:<br>*Adults:* 40 mg SC every week or 80 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29 | 40 mg/week |

## VI. Product Availability

| Drug Name | Availability |
|---|---|
| Adalimumab (Humira) | • Single-dose prefilled pen: 80 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 80 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 20 mg/0.2 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL, 10 mg/0.1 mL<br>• Single-use vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL |
| Adalimumab-afzb (Abrilada) | • Single-dose prefilled pen (Abrilada Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL<br>• Single-dose glass vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL |

| Drug Name | Availability |
|---|---|
| Adalimumab-atto (Amjevita) | • Single-dose prefilled SureClick autoinjector: 40 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL |
| Adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo) | • Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Cyltezo Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL |
| Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima) | • Single-dose prefilled autoinjector (Hadlima PushTouch): 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL (citrate-free)<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL (citrate-free)<br>• Single-dose glass vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL |
| Adalimumab-fkjp (Hulio) | • Single-dose prefilled pen (Hulio Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL |
| Adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz) | • Single-dose prefilled glass syringe (with BD UltraSafe Passive™ Needle Guard): 20 mg/0.4 mL, 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Sensoready® Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 10 mg/0.2 mL, 10 mg/0.1 mL, 20 mg/0.2 mL |
| Adalimumab-aacf (Idacio) | • Single-dose prefilled pen (Idacio Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL |
| Adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma) | • Single-dose prefilled auto-injector (Yuflyma AI): 40 mg/0.4 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe with safety guard: 40 mg/0.4 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.4 mL |
| Adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry) | • Single-dose prefilled pen (Yusimry Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL<br>• Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL |

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**Coding Implications**
Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

| HCPCS Codes | Description |
|---|---|
| J0135 | Injection, adalimumab, 20 mg |
| J3590 | Unclassified biologics |
| C9399 | Unclassified drugs or biologicals |
| Q5131 | Injection, adalimumab-aacf (idacio), biosimilar, 20 mg |
| Q5132 | Injection, adalimumab-afzb (abrilada), biosimilar, 10 mg |

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