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Patient Name: _____ **Date:** 5/13/2025
Patient ID: _____ **Patient Date Of Birth:** _____
Patient Group No: _____ **Patient Phone:** _____ **Physician Name:** _____
NPI#: _____ **Specialty:** _____
Physician Office Telephone: _____
Physician Office Address: _____
Drug Name (specify drug): _____
Quantity: _____ **Frequency:** _____ **Strength:** _____
Route of Administration: _____ **Expected Length of Therapy:** _____
Diagnosis: _____ **ICD Code:** _____
Comments: _____

Please check the appropriate answer for each applicable question.

1. Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Olumiant, Otezla, Xeljanz) for the same indication? Y ☐ N ☐
2. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz) associated with an increased risk of tuberculosis? Y ☐ N ☐
3. Has the patient had a tuberculosis (TB) test (e.g., tuberculosis skin test [TST], interferonrelease assay [IGRA]) within 12 months of initiating therapy? Y ☐ N ☐
4. What were the results of the tuberculosis (TB) test? Positive for TB (If checked, go to 5) ☐
 Negative for TB (If checked, go to 6) ☐ Unknown (If checked, no further questions) ☐
5. Which of the following applies to the patient?
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been initiated (If checked, go to 6) ☐
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has been completed (If checked, go to 6) ☐
 - Patient has latent TB and treatment for latent TB has not been initiated (If checked, no further questions) ☐
 - Patient has active TB (If checked, no further questions) ☐
6. What is the diagnosis?
 - Crohn's disease (If checked, go to 44) ☐
 - Plaque psoriasis (If checked, go to 9) ☐
 - Psoriatic arthritis WITH co-existent plaque psoriasis (If checked, go to 7) ☐
 - Psoriatic arthritis (If checked, go to 24) ☐
 - Ulcerative colitis (If checked, go to 39) ☐



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| | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, please specify. (If checked, no further questions) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| 7. | Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist? | | | |
| 8. | What is the primary diagnosis being treated? | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 9. | Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | Has the patient been diagnosed with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. | Is the patient an adult (18 years of age or older)? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 13. | Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? | | | |
| | Yes (If checked, go to 17) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | No (If checked, go to 14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Unknown (If checked, go to 17) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 14. | Has the patient achieved or maintained a 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? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. | Has the patient experienced a reduction in body surface area (BSA) affected from baseline? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of decreased body surface area affected. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. | Has the patient experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition from baseline (e.g., itching, redness, flaking, scaling, burning, cracking, pain)? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of improvement in signs and symptoms. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. | Has the patient ever received or is currently receiving a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Sotyktu, Otezla) indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (excluding receiving the drug via samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program)? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. | Are crucial body areas (e.g., hands, feet, face, neck, scalp, genitals/groin, intertriginous areas) affected? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of affected areas. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. | Is the percentage of body surface area (BSA) affected (prior to starting the requested medication) less than 3%? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |



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| 20. What is the percentage of body surface area (BSA) affected (prior to starting the requested medication)? Indicate percentage. ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of body surface area affected. | | | | |
| Greater than or equal to 3% to less than 10% of BSA (If checked, go to 21) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| Greater than or equal to 10% of BSA (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | | | | |
| 21. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response, or has an intolerance to phototherapy (e.g., UVB, PUVA) or pharmacologic treatment with methotrexate, cyclosporine, or acitretin? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy. | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Does the patient have a clinical reason to avoid pharmacologic treatment with methotrexate, cyclosporine, and acitretin? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid each therapy. | | | | |
| ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | | | | |
| 23. Please indicate the clinical reason to avoid pharmacologic treatment with methotrexate, cyclosporine, and acitretin. | | | | |
| Clinical diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver disease, or other chronic liver disease (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Drug interaction (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Risk of treatment-related toxicity (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Pregnancy or currently planning pregnancy (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Breastfeeding (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Significant comorbidity prohibits use of systemic agents (e.g., liver or kidney disease, dyscrasias, uncontrolled hypertension) (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Hypersensitivity (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| History of intolerance or adverse event (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Other, please specify (If checked, no further questions) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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| 24. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Is the patient an adult (18 years of age or older)? | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested drug? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| 27. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? | | | | |



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| | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Yes (If checked, go to 30) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No (If checked, go to 28) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Unknown (If checked, go to 30) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 28. Has the patient achieved or maintained a 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? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| 29. Has the patient experienced improvement in any of the following from baseline? ACTION REQUIRED: Please attach chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response. | | | | |
| Number of swollen joints (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Number of tender joints (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Dactylitis (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Enthesitis (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Skin and/or nail involvement (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Functional status (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| C-reactive protein (CRP) (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| None of the above (If checked, no further questions) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | | | | |
| 30. Has the patient been diagnosed with active psoriatic arthritis (PsA)? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31. Has the patient ever received or is currently receiving a biologic (e.g., Humira) or targeted synthetic drug (e.g., Rinvoq, Otezla) indicated for the treatment of active psoriatic arthritis (excluding receiving the drug via samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program)? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | | | | |
| 32. What is the patient's disease severity? Mild to moderate (If checked, go to 33) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Severe (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 33. Does the patient have enthesitis? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 34. Has the patient had an inadequate response to methotrexate, leflunomide, or another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., sulfasalazine) 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. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
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| | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35. Has the patient had an intolerance to methotrexate, leflunomide, or another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., sulfasalazine)? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous medications tried, including response to therapy. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate or leflunomide? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| 37. Please indicate the contraindication to methotrexate or leflunomide. | | | | |
| Clinical diagnosis of alcohol use disorder, alcoholic liver disease, or other chronic liver disease (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Drug interaction (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Risk of treatment-related toxicity (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Pregnancy or currently planning pregnancy (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Breastfeeding (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Significant comorbidity prohibits use of systemic agents (e.g., liver or kidney disease, blood dyscrasias, uncontrolled hypertension) (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Hypersensitivity (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| History of intolerance or adverse event (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Other, please specify. (If checked, no further questions) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 38. Does the patient have a contraindication to another conventional synthetic drug (e.g., sulfasalazine)? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach documentation of clinical reason to avoid therapy. ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 39. Has the patient been diagnosed with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC)? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | |
| 40. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 41. Which of the following applies to this request for the requested drug? Initiation of the intravenous (IV) loading dose (If checked, go to 49) <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 49) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Continuation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 42) | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

42. Has the patient achieved or maintained remission OR achieved or maintained a positive clinical response to treatment as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition since starting treatment with the requested drug? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of remission. ☐
- Yes, achieved or maintained remission (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Yes, achieved or maintained a positive clinical response (If checked, go to 43) ☐
- No or none of the above (If checked, no further questions)
- ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation
43. 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 to therapy. ☐
- Stool frequency (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Rectal bleeding (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Urgency of defecation (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- C-reactive protein (CRP) (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Fecal calprotectin (FC) (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Appearance of the mucosa on endoscopy, computed tomography enterography (CTE), magnetic resonance enterography (MRE), or intestinal ultrasound (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Ulcerative Colitis Endoscopic Index of Severity [UCEIS], Mayo Score) (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- None of the above (If checked, no further questions) ☐
- ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation
44. Has the patient been diagnosed with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease (CD)? Y ☐ N ☐
45. Is the requested drug being prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist? Y ☐ N ☐
46. Which of the following applies to this request for the requested drug? Initiation of the intravenous (IV) loading dose (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) loading dose (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Continuation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 47) ☐
47. Has the patient achieved or maintained remission OR achieved or maintained a 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? ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, please attach chart notes or medical record documentation of remission. ☐
- Yes, achieved or maintained remission (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Yes, achieved or maintained a positive clinical response (If checked, go to 48) ☐
- No or none of the above (If checked, no further questions)
- ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation
48. 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 to therapy. ☐
- Abdominal pain or tenderness (If checked, go to 49) ☐
- Diarrhea (If checked, go to 49) ☐



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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Body weight (If checked, go to 49) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Abdominal mass (If checked, go to 49) | | | |
| Hematocrit (If checked, go to 49) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Appearance of the mucosa on endoscopy, computed tomography enterography (CTE), magnetic resonance enterography (MRE), or intestinal ultrasound (If checked, go to 49) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Crohn's Disease Activity Index [CDAI] score) (If checked, go to 49) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| None of the above (If checked, no further questions) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ACTION REQUIRED: Submit supporting documentation | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 49. What is the diagnosis? | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Crohn's disease (If checked, go to 60) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Plaque psoriasis (If checked, go to 50) | | | |
| Psoriatic arthritis WITH co-existent plaque psoriasis (If checked, go to 50) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Psoriatic arthritis (If checked, go to 50) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ulcerative colitis (If checked, go to 55) | | | |
| 50. Is the patient currently receiving Tremfya? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 51. Does the prescribed dose exceed a loading dose of 100 mg at weeks 0 and 4, and a maintenance dose of 100 mg thereafter? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 52. Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 8 weeks? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 53. Does the prescribed dose exceed 100 mg? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 54. Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 8 weeks? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 55. Which of the following applies to this request for the requested drug? | | | |
| Initiation of the intravenous (IV) loading dose (If checked, go to 56) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 58) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Continuation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 58) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 56. Does the prescribed dose exceed a loading dose of 200 mg at weeks 0, 4, and 8, and a maintenance dose of 200 mg thereafter? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 57. Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 58. Does the prescribed dose exceed 200 mg? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 59. Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? | Y <input type="checkbox"/> | N <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 60. Which of the following applies to this request for the requested drug? | | | |
| Initiation of the intravenous (IV) loading dose (If checked, go to 61) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) loading dose (If checked, go to 63) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Initiation of the subcutaneous (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 65) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Continuation of the (SQ) maintenance dose (If checked, go to 65) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 61. | Does the prescribed dose exceed a loading dose of 200 mg at weeks 0, 4, and 8, and a maintenance dose of 200 mg thereafter? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 62. | Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 63. | Does the prescribed dose exceed a loading dose of 400 mg at weeks 0, 4, and 8, and a maintenance dose of 200 mg thereafter? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 64. | Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 65. | Does the prescribed dose exceed 200 mg? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |
| 66. | Is the prescribed frequency for the maintenance dose more frequent than one dose every 4 weeks? | Y | <input type="checkbox"/> | N |

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I attest that the medication requested is medically necessary for this patient. I further attest that the information provided is accurate and true, and that the documentation supporting this information is available for review if requested by the claims processor, the health plan sponsor, or, if applicable a state or federal regulatory agency.

Prescriber (Or Authorized) Signature and Date

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