

**Clinical Policy: Adalimumab (Humira), Adalimumab-afzb (Abrilada), Adalimumab-atto (Amjevita), Adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo), Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima), Adalimumab-fkjp (Hulio), Adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz), Adalimumab-aacf (Idacio), Adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma), Adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry)**

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**Description**

Adalimumab (Humira<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab-afzb (Abrilada<sup>™</sup>), adalimumab-atto (Amjevita<sup>™</sup>), adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima<sup>™</sup>), adalimumab-fkjp (Hulio<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab-aacf (Idacio<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma<sup>®</sup>), and adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry<sup>™</sup>) are tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blockers.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Indications	Description	Humira	Idacio, Yuflyma	Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio/ adalimumab-fkjp, Hyrimoz/ adalimumab-adaz, 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	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	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	X

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Ankylosing spondylitis (AS)	Reducing signs and symptoms in adult patients with active AS	X	X	X
Crohn's disease (CD)	Treatment of moderately to severely active CD in adults and pediatric patients 6 years of age and older	X	X	X
Adult ulcerative colitis (UC)	Treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adult patients	X	X	X
	Limitation of use: Effectiveness has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers			
Pediatric UC	Treatment of moderately to severely active UC in pediatric patients 5 years of age and older	X	-	-
	Limitation of use: Effectiveness has not been established in patients who have lost response to or were intolerant to TNF blockers			
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	X
Pediatric hidradenitis suppurativa (HS)	The treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in patients 12 years of age and older	X	-	-

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Adult HS	The treatment of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in adult patients	X	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	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 NH Healthy Families® that Abrilada, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-fkjp, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Humira, 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  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Failure of at least TWO NSAIDs at up to maximally indicated doses, each used for  $\geq$  4 weeks unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
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.

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

1. Diagnosis of CD;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  6 years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Failure of a  $\geq$  3 consecutive month trial of at least ONE immunomodulator (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine [6-MP], MTX) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
  - 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  $\geq$  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.

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

1. Diagnosis of HS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist, rheumatologist, or gastroenterologist;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. For Humira: Age  $\geq$  12 years;
  - b. For Abrilada, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-fkjp, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry: Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Documentation of Hurley stage II or stage III (*see Appendix D*);

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7. Failure of a systemic antibiotic therapy (e.g., clindamycin, minocycline, doxycycline, rifampin) tried for  $\geq 3$  consecutive months, at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
8. 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*);
9. Dose does not exceed 160 mg on Day 1 and 80 mg on Day 15, followed by maintenance dose of 40 mg every week or 80 mg every other week starting Day 29.

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#### **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.  $\geq 3\%$  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. Age  $\geq 18$  years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced
5. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
  - a. Failure of a  $\geq 3$  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  $\geq 3$  consecutive month trial of cyclosporine or acitretin 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 acitretin, 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  $\geq 5$  joints with active arthritis;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Age  $\geq 2$  years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

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5. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
  - a. Failure of a  $\geq 3$  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  $\geq 3$  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  $\geq 4$  week trial of an NSAID at up to maximally indicated doses, 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 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  $\geq 30$  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. Age  $\geq 18$  years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
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.

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#### **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. Age  $\geq 18$  years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

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5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Failure of a  $\geq 3$  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  $\geq 3$  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 clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
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.

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

1. Diagnosis of UC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. For Humira: Age  $\geq 5$  years;
  - b. For Abrilada, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-fkjp, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry: Age  $\geq 18$  years;
4. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Documentation of a Mayo Score  $\geq 6$  or modified Mayo Score  $\geq 5$  (*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 Humira in 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 Humira in 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.

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

1. Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior or panuveitis;
2. Trial and failure of at least one (1) preferred product unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist or rheumatologist;
4. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. For Humira: Age  $\geq$  2 years;
  - b. For Abrilada, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-fkjp, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Yuflyma, Yusimry: Age  $\geq$  18 years;
5. Failure of a  $\geq$  2 week trial of a systemic corticosteroid (e.g., prednisone) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
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 clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
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 PDL the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid;
  - b. For drugs NOT on the PDL the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid;
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. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;



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- b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
  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. Both of the following (i and ii):
      - i. 40 mg every week (or 80 mg every other week);
      - ii. Documentation supports inadequate response to a  $\geq 3$  month trial of 40 mg every other week or member is not a candidate for concurrent methotrexate and Humira due to contraindications or intolerance.

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#### **B. All Other Indications in Section I (must meet all):**

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
  - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Member meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
  - a. For CD: age  $\geq 6$  years;
  - b. For pJIA: age  $\geq 2$  years;

- c. For PsA, AS, UC, PsO, HS: age  $\geq$  18 years;
- d. For UV: age  $\geq$  18 years;
- 3. Member meets one of the following (a or bc):
  - a. For HS, at least a 25% reduction in inflammatory nodules and abscesses;
  - b. For all other indications: member is responding positively to therapy;
- 4. 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*);
- 5. 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 or 80 mg every other 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.

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**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 PDL the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.255; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the PDL the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.PMN.16; 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: CP.PMN.53.

### **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 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<sup>®</sup>, Enbrel<sup>®</sup>, Humira<sup>®</sup> and its biosimilars, Simponi<sup>®</sup>, Avsola<sup>™</sup>, Inflectra<sup>™</sup>, Remicade<sup>®</sup>, Renflexis<sup>™</sup>, Zymfentra], interleukin agents [e.g., Arcalyst<sup>®</sup> (IL-1 blocker), Bimzelx (IL-17A and F antagonist), Ilaris<sup>®</sup> (IL-1 blocker), Kineret<sup>®</sup> (IL-1RA), Omvoh (IL-23 antagonist), Actemra<sup>®</sup> (IL-6RA), Tofidence<sup>™</sup> (IL-6RA), Kevzara<sup>®</sup> (IL-6RA), Stelara<sup>®</sup> (IL-12/23 inhibitor), Cosentyx<sup>®</sup> (IL-17A inhibitor), Taltz<sup>®</sup> (IL-17A inhibitor), Siliq<sup>™</sup> (IL-17RA), Ilumya<sup>™</sup> (IL-23 inhibitor), Skyrizi<sup>™</sup> (IL-23 inhibitor), Tremfya<sup>®</sup> (IL-23 inhibitor)], Janus kinase inhibitors (JAKi) [e.g., Xeljanz<sup>®</sup>/Xeljanz<sup>®</sup> XR, Cibinqo<sup>™</sup>, Olumiant<sup>™</sup>, Rinvoq<sup>™</sup>], anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies [Rituxan<sup>®</sup>, Riabni<sup>™</sup>, Ruxience<sup>™</sup>, Truxima<sup>®</sup>, Rituxan Hycela<sup>®</sup>], selective co-stimulation modulators [Orencia<sup>®</sup>], and integrin receptor antagonists [Entyvio<sup>®</sup>], 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 suppurativa

JAKi: Janus kinase inhibitors

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.*

<b>Drug Name</b>	<b>Dosing Regimen</b>	<b>Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose</b>
acitretin (Soriatane <sup>®</sup> )	<b>PsO</b> 25 or 50 mg PO QD	50 mg/day
azathioprine (Azasan <sup>®</sup> , Imuran <sup>®</sup> )	<b>RA</b> 1 mg/kg/day PO QD or divided BID  <b>CD*</b> , 1.5 – 2 mg/kg/day PO	2.5 mg/kg/day UV: 4 mg/kg/day
	<b>UV*</b> 2 - 3 mg/kg/day PO	
chlorambucil (Leukeran <sup>®</sup> )	<b>UV*</b> 0.2 mg/kg PO QD, then taper to 0.1 mg/kg PO QD or less	0.2 mg/kg/day
clindamycin (Cleocin <sup>®</sup> ) + rifampin (Rifadin <sup>®</sup> )	<b>HS*</b> clindamycin 300 mg PO BID and rifampin 300 mg PO BID	clindamycin: 600 mg/day rifampin: 600 mg/day

corticosteroids	<p><b>CD*</b>  <i>Adult:</i>  prednisone 40 mg – 60 mg PO QD for 1 to 2 weeks, then taper daily dose by 5 mg weekly until 20 mg PO QD, and then continue with 2.5 – 5 mg decrements weekly or IV 50 – 100 mg Q6H for 1 week</p> <p>budesonide (Entocort EC®) 6 – 9 mg PO QD</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i>  Prednisone 1 to 2 mg/kg/day PO QD</p> <p><b>UC*</b>  <i>Adult:</i>  Prednisone 40 mg – 60 mg PO QD, then taper dose by 5 to 10 mg/week</p> <p>Budesonide (Uceris®) 9 mg PO QAM for up to 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i>  Prednisone 1 to 2 mg/kg/day PO QD</p> <p><b>UV*</b>  <i>Adult:</i>  prednisone 5 – 60 mg/day PO in 1 – 4 divided doses</p> <p><i>Pediatric:</i>  0.14 to 2 mg/kg/day PO</p>	Various
Cuprimine® (d-penicillamine)	<b>RA*</b> <u>Initial dose:</u>	1,500 mg/day

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Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
	125 or 250 mg PO QD Maintenance dose: 500 – 750 mg/day PO QD	
cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan <sup>®</sup> )	<b>UV*</b> 1 – 2 mg/kg/day PO	N/A
cyclosporine (Sandimmune <sup>®</sup> , Neoral <sup>®</sup> )	<b>PsO</b> 2.5 – 4 mg/kg/day PO divided BID  <b>RA</b> 2.5 – 4 mg/kg/day PO divided BID  <b>UV*</b> 2.5 – 5 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses	PsO, RA: 4 mg/kg/day  UV: 5 mg/kg/day
doxycycline (Acticlate <sup>®</sup> )	<b>HS*</b> 50 – 100 mg PO BID	300 mg/day
hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil <sup>®</sup> )	<b>RA*</b> Initial dose: 400 – 600 mg/day PO QD Maintenance dose: 200 – 400 mg/day PO QD	600 mg/day
leflunomide (Arava <sup>®</sup> )	<b>PJIA*</b> Weight < 20 kg: 10 mg every other day PO Weight 20 - 40 kg: 10 mg/day PO Weight > 40 kg: 20 mg/day PO  <b>RA</b> Initial dose (for low risk hepatotoxicity or myelosuppression): 100 mg PO QD for 3 days Maintenance dose: 20 mg PO QD	20 mg/day
6-mercaptopurine (Purixan <sup>®</sup> )	<b>CD*</b> 50 mg PO QD or 0.75 – 1.5 mg/kg/day PO	1.5 mg/kg/day
methotrexate (Trexall <sup>®</sup> , Otrexup <sup>™</sup> , Rasuvo <sup>®</sup> , RediTrex <sup>®</sup> , Rheumatrex <sup>®</sup> , Jylamvo <sup>®</sup> )	<b>CD*</b> 15 – 25 mg/week IM or SC  <b>PsO</b> 10 – 25 mg/week PO or 2.5 mg PO Q12 hr for 3 doses/week  <b>PJIA*</b> 10 – 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /week PO, SC, or IM	30 mg/week

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Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
	<b>RA</b> 7.5 mg/week PO, SC, or IM or 2.5 mg PO Q12 hr for 3 doses/week  <b>UV*</b> 7.5 – 20 mg/week PO	
minocycline (Minocin <sup>®</sup> )	<b>HS*</b> 50 – 100 mg PO BID	200 mg/day
mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept <sup>®</sup> )	<b>UV*</b> 500 – 1,000 mg PO BID	3 g/day
NSAIDs (e.g., indomethacin, ibuprofen, naproxen, celecoxib)	<b>AS</b> Varies	Varies
Pentasa <sup>®</sup> (mesalamine)	<b>CD</b> 1,000 mg PO QID	4 g/day
Ridaura <sup>®</sup> (auranofin)	<b>RA</b> 6 mg PO QD or 3 mg PO BID	9 mg/day (3 mg TID)
sulfasalazine (Azulfidine <sup>®</sup> )	<b>PJIA*</b> 30-50 mg/kg/day PO divided BID	PJIA: 2 g/day
	<b>RA</b> Initial dose: 500 mg to 1,000 mg PO QD for the first week. Increase the daily dose by 500 mg each week up to a maintenance dose of 2 g/day. Maintenance dose: 2 g/day PO in divided doses	RA: 3 g/day UC: 4 g/day
tacrolimus (Prograf <sup>®</sup> )	<b>CD*</b> 0.27 mg/kg/day PO in divided doses or 0.15 – 0.29 mg/kg/day PO  <b>UV*</b> 0.1-0.15 mg/kg/day PO	N/A

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name<sup>®</sup> (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name<sup>®</sup>) 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



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- 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, pyoderma 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 adalimumab for the treatment of moderate-to-severe UC. It is the position of Centene Corporation® that the off-label weekly dosing of adalimumab 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 adalimumab pivotal trial suggests further studies are needed to confirm the benefit of weekly adalimumab dosing for the treatment of UC in patients with inadequate or loss of therapeutic response to treatment with adalimumab 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 adalimumab for UC. The current market consensus is that weekly dosing of adalimumab 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:

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- 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

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

Add score of categories A through D; a score of  $\geq 6$  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 * Low: $< 3 \times$ upper limit of normal	2
	High positive RF or high positive ACPA * High: $\geq 3 \times$ 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	

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	< 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

#### Appendix K: Preferred adalimumab biosimilar NDCs

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GPI Name	Brand Names	Strength	NDC
Adalimumab-adaz Soln Auto-injector	Unbranded	40 mg/0.4 mL	61314-0327-20
Adalimumab-adaz Soln Auto-injector	Unbranded	40 mg/0.4 mL	61314-0327-96
Adalimumab-adaz Soln Prefilled Syringe	Unbranded	40 mg/0.4 mL	61314-0327-64
Adalimumab-adaz Soln Prefilled Syringe	Unbranded	40 mg/0.4 mL	61314-0327-94
Adalimumab-fkjp Auto-injector Kit	Unbranded	40 mg/0.8 mL	49502-0416-02
Adalimumab-fkjp Auto-injector Kit	Unbranded	40 mg/0.8 mL	49502-0416-06
Adalimumab-fkjp Prefilled Syringe Kit	Unbranded	20 mg/0.4 mL	49502-0417-02
Adalimumab-fkjp Prefilled Syringe Kit	Unbranded	20 mg/0.4 mL	49502-0417-06
Adalimumab-fkjp Prefilled Syringe Kit	Unbranded	40 mg/0.8 mL	49502-0418-02
Adalimumab-fkjp Prefilled Syringe Kit	Unbranded	40 mg/0.8 mL	49502-0418-06
Adalimumab-aqvh Soln Pen-injector	Yusimry	40 mg/0.8 mL	70114-0220-02
Adalimumab-bwwd Soln Auto-injector	Hadlima (Pushtouch)	40 mg/0.4 mL	78206-0187-01
Adalimumab-bwwd Soln Auto-injector	Hadlima (Pushtouch)	40 mg/0.8 mL	78206-0184-01
Adalimumab-bwwd Soln Prefilled Syringe	Hadlima	40 mg/0.4 mL	78206-0186-01
Adalimumab-bwwd Soln Prefilled Syringe	Hadlima	40 mg/0.8 mL	78206-0183-01

#### V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Adalimumab and biosimilars (Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita,	RA	40 mg SC every other week  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

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Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry)	PJIA	<p><b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hyrimoz:</b>            Weight 10 kg (22 lbs) to &lt; 15 kg (33 lbs):            10 mg SC every other week</p> <p><b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Yuflyma:</b>            Weight 15 kg (33 lbs) to &lt; 30 kg (66 lbs):            20 mg SC every other week</p> <p><b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry:</b>            Weight ≥ 30 kg (66 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week</p>	40 mg every other week
	PsA	40 mg SC every other week	40 mg every other week
	AS	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	
CD		<p>Initial dose:</p> <p><i>Adults:</i> 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15</p> <p><i>Pediatrics:</i>  <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Yuflyma:</b>            Weight 17 kg (37 lbs) to &lt; 40 kg (88 lbs): 80 mg SC on Day 1, then 40 mg SC on Day 15  <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Yuflyma, Yusimry:</b>            Weight ≥ 40 kg (88 lbs): 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15</p> <p>Maintenance dose:</p>	40 mg every other week
		<p><i>Adults:</i> 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29</p> <p><i>Pediatrics:</i>  <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Yuflyma:</b></p>	

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Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
		Weight 17 kg (37 lbs) to < 40 kg (88 lbs): 20 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29 <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry:</b> Weight ≥ 40 kg (88 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29	
	UC	Initial dose: <i>Adults:</i> 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15  Maintenance dose: <i>Adults:</i> 40 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29	40 mg every week
	PsO	Initial dose: 80 mg SC  Maintenance dose: 40 mg SC every other week starting one week after initial dose	40 mg every other week
	HS	<b>Humira:</b> <i>For patients 12 years of age and older weighing at least 30 kg:</i> Initial dose: Weight 30 kg (66 lbs) to < 60 kg (132 lbs): 80 mg SC on Day 1, then 40 mg on Day 8 Weight ≥ 60 kg (132 lbs): 160 mg SC on Day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15  Maintenance dose: Weight 30 kg (66 lbs) to < 60 kg (132 lbs): 40 mg every other week Weight ≥ 60 kg (132 lbs): 40 mg SC every week or 80 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29  <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, Yusimry:</b> Initial dose: <i>Adults:</i> 160 mg SC on day 1, then 80 mg SC on Day 15	40 mg/week

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Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose								
		Maintenance dose: <i>Adults:</i> 40 mg SC every week or 80 mg SC every other week starting on Day 29									
Adalimumab (Humira)	Pediatric UC	Initial dose: <i>Pediatrics:</i> <table border="1" data-bbox="686 531 1222 867"> <tr> <td data-bbox="686 531 881 678">20 kg to less than 40 kg</td> <td data-bbox="889 531 1222 678">Day 1: 80 mg Day 8: 40 mg Day 15: 40 mg</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="686 688 881 867">40 kg and greater</td> <td data-bbox="889 688 1222 867">Day 1: 160 mg (single dose or split over two consecutive days) Day 8: 80 mg Day 15: 80 mg</td> </tr> </table> <i>Pediatrics:</i> <table border="1" data-bbox="686 940 1222 1119"> <tr> <td data-bbox="686 940 881 1056">20 kg to less than 40 kg</td> <td data-bbox="889 940 1222 1056">40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="686 1066 881 1119">40 kg and greater</td> <td data-bbox="889 1066 1222 1119">80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week</td> </tr> </table> <i>*Continue the recommended pediatric dosage in patients who turn 18 years of age and who are well-controlled on Humira regimen.</i>	20 kg to less than 40 kg	Day 1: 80 mg Day 8: 40 mg Day 15: 40 mg	40 kg and greater	Day 1: 160 mg (single dose or split over two consecutive days) Day 8: 80 mg Day 15: 80 mg	20 kg to less than 40 kg	40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week	40 kg and greater	80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week	80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week
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40 kg and greater	Day 1: 160 mg (single dose or split over two consecutive days) Day 8: 80 mg Day 15: 80 mg										
20 kg to less than 40 kg	40 mg every other week or 20 mg every week										
40 kg and greater	80 mg every other week or 40 mg every week										
Adalimumab and biosimilars (Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Yusimry)	UV	<b>Humira:</b> <i>Pediatrics:</i> Weight 10 kg (22 lbs) to < 15 kg (33 lbs): 10 mg SC every other week Weight 15 kg (33 lbs) to < 30 kg (66 lbs): 20 mg SC every other week Weight ≥ 30 kg (66 lbs): 40 mg SC every other week  <b>Humira, Abrilada, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Yusimry:</b> <i>Adults:</i> Initial dose of 80 mg SC, followed by 40 mg SC every other week starting one week after the initial dose	40 mg every other week								

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#### VI. Product Availability

<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Availability</u>
<u>Adalimumab (Humira)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled pen: 80 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• <u>Single-use vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-afzb (Abrilada)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Abrilada Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL</li> <li>• Single dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL</li> <li>• Single-dose glass vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL</li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-atto (Amjevita)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled SureClick autoinjector: 80 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-adbm (Cyltezo)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL, 10 mg/0.2 mL</del></li> <li>• <u>Single-dose prefilled pen (Cyltezo Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-bwwd (Hadlima)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled autoinjector (Hadlima PushTouch): 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL (citrate-free)</li> <li>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL (citrate-free)</li> <li>• <u>Single-dose glass vial for institutional use only: 40 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-fkjp (Hulio)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Single-dose prefilled pen (Hulio Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL</del></li> <li>• <u>Single-dose prefilled syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL, 20 mg/0.4 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-adaz (Hyrimoz)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Sensoready® Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL</li> <li>• Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 10 mg/0.2 mL, 10 mg/0.1 mL, <u>20 mg/0.2 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-aacf (Idacio)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Idacio Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL</li> <li>• <u>Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-aaty (Yuflyma)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Single-dose prefilled auto-injector (Yuflyma AI): 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> <li>• Single-dose prefilled syringe with safety guard: 40 mg/0.4 mL, 80 mg/0.8 mL</li> <li>• Single-dose prefilled syringe: 20 mg/0.2 mL, 40 mg/0.4 mL, <u>80 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>
<u>Adalimumab-aqvh (Yusimry)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-dose prefilled pen (Yusimry Pen): 40 mg/0.8 mL</li> <li>• <u>Single-dose prefilled glass syringe: 40 mg/0.8 mL</u></li> </ul>



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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		
Q5131	Injection, adalimumab-aacf (idacio), biosimilar, 20 mg		
Q5132	Injection, adalimumab-afzb (abrilada), biosimilar, 10 mg		
Q9399	Unclassified Drugs or Biologicals		
J3590	Unclassified biologics		
Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals		Date	P&T
Policy created 2Q 2024 annual review: RT4: for Yuflyma, added newly approved UV indication to criteria; added HCPCS codes [C9399] and [J3590]; added Bimzelx, Zymfentra, Omvoh, Sotyktu, and Velsipity to section III.B; references reviewed and updated. Updated language to include preferred product requirements		06.21	06.24

<p>2Q 2025 annual review: for UC initial criteria, added option for documentation of modified Mayo Score <math>\geq 5</math>; for Appendix F, added supplemental information on modified Mayo Score; for pJIA: removed criteria for minimum cJADAS-10 score <math>&gt; 8.5</math> for documentation of high disease activity and “baseline 10-joint clinical juvenile arthritis disease activity score” in initial criteria to align with competitor analysis; removed criteria for “member is responding positively to therapy as evidence by decrease in cJADAS-10 from baseline” in continued therapy; for Appendix J, added pJIA disease activity information per 2019 ACR guidelines; for continued therapy section, removed “if new dosing regimen, approve for 6 months” for approval duration</p>	<p>04.25</p>	<p>04.25</p>
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