

**ADALIMUMAB/ ETANERCEPT/ INFLIXIMAB/  
IXEKIZUMAB/ SECUKINUMAB/ RISANKIZUMAB  
/ USTEKINUMAB for Plaque Psoriasis  
SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FORM**

Please complete all required sections to allow your request to be processed.

Patients may or may not meet eligibility requirements as established  
by Alberta government-sponsored drug programs.

| PATIENT INFORMATION     |                                |         |             | COVERAGE TYPE  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|--|
| PATIENT LAST NAME       | FIRST NAME                     | INITIAL |             | <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Blue Cross<br><input type="checkbox"/> Alberta Human Services<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| BIRTH DATE (YYYY-MM-DD) | ALBERTA PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER |         |             |  |
| STREET ADDRESS          | CITY                           | PROV    | POSTAL CODE | ID/CLIENT/COVERAGE NUMBER  |

| PRESCRIBER INFORMATION |            |         |   |                                |
|------------------------|------------|---------|---|--------------------------------|
| PRESCRIBER LAST NAME   | FIRST NAME | INITIAL | PRESCRIBER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION        |                                |
| STREET ADDRESS         |            |         | <input type="checkbox"/> CPSA                           | <input type="checkbox"/> ACO   |
|                        |            |         | <input type="checkbox"/> CARNA                          | <input type="checkbox"/> ADA+C |
| CITY, PROVINCE         |            |         | PHONE   | FAX                            |
| POSTAL CODE            |            |         | FAX NUMBER MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EACH REQUEST SUBMITTED |                                |

**Please provide the following information for ALL requests**

| Diagnosis   | Indicate requested drug  | Current weight (kg) | Dosage and frequency |
|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plaque Psoriasis<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | <b>Tier 1 Drugs<sup>1</sup></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Cosentyx <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Inflixtra <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Renflexis <input type="checkbox"/> Taltz<br><input type="checkbox"/> Humira <input type="checkbox"/> <sup>2</sup> Remicade <input type="checkbox"/> Skyrizi |                     | Date of last dose    |
|   | <b>Tier 2 Drugs<sup>1</sup></b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Enbrel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stelara   |                     |                      |
| 1. See p. 2 for SA Criteria Change; 2. See p. 2 for Biosimilar Switch Policy                |  |                     |                      |

**For patients new to coverage but currently maintained on the requested drug, provide the treatment start date (YYYY-MM-DD) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Location:** Prior to treatment with the requested biologic, did the patient have significant involvement of the face, palms of the hands, soles of the feet or genital region?  
 YES     NO

| *Pre-treatment scores | Current scores        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| PASI _____ Date _____ | PASI _____ Date _____ |
| DLQI _____ Date _____ | DLQI _____ Date _____ |

\*Requests for patients new to the requested biologic and requests for patients new to coverage but currently maintained on the requested biologic require pre-treatment scores.  
Note: PASI and DLQI scores are required for all requests including those requests for patients that have significant involvement of the face, palms, soles of the feet or genital region.

**Please provide reason if a switch to a different drug is requested** Note: Patients will not be permitted to switch back to a previously trialed biologic agent if they were deemed unresponsive to therapy.

**Please provide the following information for all NEW requests**

**Previous medications/therapies utilized** - Check all that apply and indicate dose, duration and response or contraindication, if applicable

Methotrexate PO \_\_\_\_\_

Methotrexate SC or IM \_\_\_\_\_

Cyclosporine \_\_\_\_\_

Phototherapy \_\_\_\_\_

**For TIER 2 drug requests**

**Please indicate which TIER 1 drugs were tried and the response to therapy, reasons for discontinuation or contraindications, if applicable**

Adalimumab \_\_\_\_\_  Risankizumab \_\_\_\_\_

Infliximab \_\_\_\_\_  Secukinumab \_\_\_\_\_

Ixekizumab \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information relating to request**

|                        |                   |   |
|------------------------|-------------------|---|
| PRESCRIBER'S SIGNATURE | DATE (YYYY-MM-DD) | Please forward this request to<br><b>Alberta Blue Cross, Clinical Drug Services</b><br>10009-108 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3C5<br>FAX: <b>780-498-8384</b> in Edmonton • <b>1-877-828-4106</b> toll free all other areas |
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**ONCE YOUR REQUEST HAS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSMITTED, PLEASE DO NOT MAIL OR RE-FAX YOUR REQUEST.**



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**1. Special Authorization Criteria Change**

As of December 12, 2019, tiering will be implemented for biologic drugs for plaque psoriasis. Patients must trial the number of drugs in tier 1 that is equal to the number of different mechanisms of action of the tier 1 drug products prior to accessing a tier 2 drug. For patients that are currently on a tier 2 drug and fail, they must trial the number of drugs in tier 1 that is equal to the number of different mechanisms of action of the tier 1 drug products prior to accessing a tier 2 drug. Should therapy with a tier 1 therapeutic option(s) fail or be inappropriate due to intolerance or contraindication, access to more expensive tier 2 agents *may* be considered.

| Health Area/Indication                   | Drugs in Tier 1   | Drugs in Tier 2  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Dermatology</b><br>(Plaque Psoriasis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosentyx (secukinumab)</li> <li>• Humira (adalimumab)</li> <li>• Inflectra (infliximab)</li> <li>• Renflexis (infliximab)</li> <li>• Skyrizi (risankizumab)</li> <li>• Taltz (ixekizumab)</li> </ul> <i>Number of tier 1 drugs that must be trialed: 3</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enbrel (etanercept)</li> <li>• Stelara (ustekinumab)</li> </ul> |

**For Tiering Exception Requests**

**For exception requests for tier 2 drugs for patients already on the requested tier 2 drug**

Please provide the date that the tier 2 drug was initiated (YYYY-MM-DD) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please indicate whether the patient is stabilized on the tier 2 drug  YES  NO  
 Please provide Information on the previous method of reimbursement for the tier 2 drug (such as private coverage, compassionate supply)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**For exception requests for tier 2 drugs for patients new to the requested tier 2 drug**

Please complete the Biosimilar Initiative / Tiering Exception Special Authorization Request Form.

**2. Biosimilar Switch Policy**

As of December 12, 2019, adult (18 years of age and older) patients using an originator biologic for which there is a biosimilar treatment option for their indication and who wish to maintain Alberta Health coverage of the molecule will be required to switch to the biosimilar by January 15, 2021. During the transition period from December 12, 2019 to January 14, 2021, Alberta Health will cover both the originator biologic and the biosimilar(s) of the affected drug(s). Effective January 15, 2021, Alberta Health will only cover the biosimilar versions of the drugs listed below, for the affected indications.

| Drug       | Originator (Switch from) | Biosimilar (Switch to) | Indication       |
|------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Infliximab | Remicade                 | Inflectra or Renflexis | Plaque Psoriasis |

**For Biosimilar Initiative Exception Requests**

Please complete the Biosimilar Initiative / Tiering Exception Special Authorization Request Form.

