

**Simponi, Simponi Aria (for Maryland only)**  
**Prior Authorization Request**

**Send completed form to: Case Review Unit, CVS Caremark Prior Authorization Fax: 1-866-249-6155**

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**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Patient's ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Patient's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NPI#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Specialty:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Physician Office Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Physician Office Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Request Initiated For:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What drug is being prescribed?  Simponi  Simponi Aria  Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has the patient been diagnosed with any of the following?  
 Moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA)  Active ankylosing spondylitis (AS)  
 Active psoriatic arthritis (PsA)  Active axial spondyloarthritis  
 Moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the ICD-10 code? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section A: Preferred Product**

4. These are the preferred products for which coverage is provided for treatment of the following conditions when **Simponi is being prescribed**: *If Simponi Aria is being prescribed, skip to #8.*
  - a) Ankylosing spondylitis (AS): **Cosentyx, Humira, Enbrel**
  - b) Psoriatic arthritis (PsA): **Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Otezla**
  - c) Rheumatoid arthritis: **Enbrel, Humira, Kevzara, Orencia (SC)/Orencia ClickJect**
  - d) Ulcerative colitis (UC): **Humira (primary), Simponi (secondary)\***  
*\*Note: Secondary preferred product for UC is Simponi. This preferred product option only applies to members who have had a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event with Humira.*

Can the patient's treatment be switched to a preferred product?  
 Yes - Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ *If Yes, please call 1-866-814-5506 to have the updated form faxed to your office OR you may complete the PA electronically (ePA). You may sign up online via CoverMyMeds at: [www.covermymeds.com/epa/caremark/](http://www.covermymeds.com/epa/caremark/) or call 1-866-452-5017.*  
 No  
 Not applicable - Requested for condition not listed above, skip to Section B: All Requests
5. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested product?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #7*
6. Is the patient currently receiving the requested product through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? If unknown, answer Yes.  Yes  No *If No, skip to Section B: All Requests*

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7. Has the patient had a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event with any of the following preferred products? Please indicate ALL that apply. **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, attach supporting chart note(s).**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cosentyx:                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enbrel:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humira:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevzara:                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orencia (SC)/Orencia ClickJect: | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otezla:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |

None of the above, *complete this form in its entirety and also complete Maryland State Step Therapy Section*

**Section B: All Requests**

8. Is this request for continuation of therapy?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #12*

9. Is the patient currently receiving Simponi or Simponi Aria through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?  Yes - Simponi  Yes - Simponi Aria  No  Unknown *If Yes or Unknown, skip to #12*

10. How long has the patient been receiving the requested medication? \_\_\_\_\_ months

**For RA requests:** *If less than 3 months, skip to #14.*

**For all other requests:** *If less than 3 months, no further questions.*

11. Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response to treatment as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms?  Yes  No

**For RA requests:** *If Yes, skip to #14.*

**For all other requests:** *If Yes, no further questions.*

12. Has the patient received any of the following medications?

*If Yes, please indicate the most recent medication and skip to diagnosis section.*

- Actemra  Cimzia  Cosentyx  Enbrel  Humira  Inflectra  Kevzara  Kineret  
 Orencia  Remicade  Renflexis  Rituxan  Siliq  Simponi  Simponi Aria  Stelara  
 Taltz  Tremfya  Xeljanz  Xeljanz XR  No

13. Has the patient undergone pretreatment screening for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection with either a TB skin test or an interferon gamma release assay (e.g., QFT-GIT, T-SPOT.TB)?  Yes  No

**Complete the following section based on the patient's diagnosis.**

**Section C: Rheumatoid Arthritis**

14. Is the prescribed agent being prescribed in combination with methotrexate?  Yes  No

**If No, indicate clinical reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

15. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response after at least 3 months of treatment with the methotrexate dose greater than or equal to 20 mg per week?

*If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No

16. Has the patient experienced intolerance to methotrexate? *If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No

17. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate?  Yes  No

**If Yes, indicate the contraindication:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D: Ankylosing Spondylitis or Axial Spondyloarthritis**

18. Has the patient experienced an inadequate response with at least TWO nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), or has an intolerance or contraindication to at least two NSAIDs?  Yes  No

**Section E: Ulcerative Colitis - Simponi Only**

19. Does the patient have dependence on corticosteroids?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #21*

20. Which of the following best describes the patient's dependence with corticosteroids?

- Patient requires continuous corticosteroid therapy, *no further questions*

- Corticosteroids cannot be successfully tapered without a return of ulcerative colitis symptoms, *no further questions*
- None of the above

21. Has the patient tried and had an inadequate response to at least one conventional therapy option?

***If Yes, indicate below and no further questions.***

- Yes - Azathioprine (Azasan, Imuran)
- Yes - Corticosteroid (e.g., budesonide [Entocort, Uceris], hydrocortisone [Cortifoam, Colocort, Solu-Cortef, Cortef], methylprednisolone [Medrol, Solu-Medrol], prednisone)
- Yes - Cyclosporine (Sandimmune)
- Yes - Mesalamine (e.g., Asacol, Lialda, Pentasa, Canasa, Rowasa)
- Yes - Mercaptopurine (Purinethol)
- Yes - Sulfasalazine
- Yes - Tacrolimus (Prograf)
- Yes - Metronidazole (Flagyl) or Ciprofloxacin (Cipro) (for pouchitis only)
- No

22. Does the patient have a contraindication or intolerance to at least one conventional therapy option (e.g., azathioprine [Azasan, Imuran], corticosteroid [e.g., budesonide, hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone], cyclosporine [Sandimmune], mesalamine [Asacol, Lialda, Pentasa, Canasa, Rowasa], mercaptopurine [Purinethol], sulfasalazine, tacrolimus, metronidazole/ciprofloxacin [for pouchitis only])?

- Yes  No

Maryland State Step Therapy

1. Is the requested drug being used to treat stage four advanced metastatic cancer?

- Yes  No *If No, skip to #3*

2. Is the requested drug's use consistent with the FDA-approved indication or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs & Biologics Compendium indication for the treatment of stage four advanced metastatic cancer and is supported by peer-reviewed medical literature?  Yes  No

3. Is the requested drug being used for an FDA-approved indication OR an indication supported in the compendia of current literature (examples: AHFS, Lexicomp, Clinical Pharmacology, Micromedex, current accepted guidelines)?  Yes  No

4. Does the prescribed quantity fall within the manufacturer's published dosing guidelines or within dosing guidelines found in the compendia of current literature (examples: package insert, AHFS, Lexicomp, Clinical Pharmacology, Micromedex, current accepted guidelines)?  Yes  No

5. Do patient chart notes document the requested drug was ordered with a paid claim at the pharmacy, the pharmacy filled the prescription and delivered to the patient or other documentation that the requested drug was prescribed for the patient in the last 180 days?  Yes  No

6. Has the prescriber provided proof documented in the patient chart notes that in their opinion the requested drug is effective for the patient's condition?  Yes  No

***I attest that this information is accurate and true, and that documentation supporting this information is available for review if requested by CVS Caremark or the benefit plan sponsor.***

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Prescriber or Authorized Signature**

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**Date (mm/dd/yy)**