



**Simponi, Simponi Aria  
Prior Authorization Request**

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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 psoriatic arthritis (PsA)  
 Active axial spondyloarthritis  
 Active ankylosing spondylitis (AS)  
 Moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What is the ICD-10 code? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. What is the patient's body weight? \_\_\_\_\_ kg or lb (*circle one*)

**Section A: Preferred Product** *If Simponi Aria is being prescribed, skip to Section B: All Requests.*

5. These are the preferred products for which coverage is provided for treatment of the following indications when Simponi is being prescribed:

- a) Ankylosing spondylitis: **Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira**
- b) Psoriatic arthritis: **Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Otezla**
- c) Rheumatoid arthritis: **Enbrel, Humira, Orencia (SC)/Orencia Clickject, Rinvoq, Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR**
- d) Ulcerative colitis: **Humira (primary), Stelara, Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR (secondary\*)**

*\*Note: Secondary preferred products for UC are Stelara and Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR. The secondary 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.*

6. Is this request for continuation of therapy with the requested product?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #8*

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7. 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.*
8. Has the patient had a documented inadequate response or intolerable adverse event with any of the following preferred products? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, attach supporting chart note(s). Indicate ALL that apply.**
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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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rinvoq:                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stelara:                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR:             | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate response | <input type="checkbox"/> Intolerable adverse event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above               |  |  |

*If None of the above, complete this form in its entirety and State Step Therapy section.*

9. Does the patient have one of the following documented clinical reasons to avoid the preferred products that are TNF inhibitors (Enbrel and/or Humira)? **ACTION REQUIRED: If Yes, attach supporting chart note(s).**
- Yes - History of demyelinating disorder - *Indicate drug(s):* \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes - History of congestive heart failure- *Indicate drug(s):* \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes - History of hepatitis B virus infection- *Indicate drug(s):* \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes - Autoantibody formation/lupus-like syndrome (attributed to TNF inhibitor)
- Indicate drug(s):* \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes - Risk of lymphoma- *Indicate drug(s):* \_\_\_\_\_
- No - none of the above
- Not applicable - requested medication is not a TNF inhibitor

*If No - none of the above OR Not applicable – requested medication is a TNF inhibitor, complete this form in its entirety and State Step Therapy section.*

**Section B: All Requests**

10. Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic, targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz)?  Yes  No
11. Has the patient ever received (including current utilizers) a biologic or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz)? *If Yes, skip to #13*  Yes  No
12. Has the patient had a TB test (e.g., a tuberculosis skin test [PPD], an interferon-release assay [IGRA], or a chest x-ray) within 6 months of initiating therapy? *If Yes, skip to #15*  Yes  No
13. Does the patient have risk factors for TB (e.g., persons with close contact to people with infectious TB disease; persons who have recently immigrated from areas of the world with high rates of TB (e.g., Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Russia); children less than 5 years of age who have a positive TB test; groups with high rates of TB transmission, or persons who work or reside with people who are at an increased risk for active TB)?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #18*
14. Has the patient been tested for tuberculosis (TB) within the previous 12 months?  Yes  No
15. What were the results of the TB test?  Positive for TB  Negative for TB, *skip to #18*  Unknown
16. Does the patient have latent or active tuberculosis (TB)?  Latent  Active  Unknown
17. Has treatment for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection been initiated or completed?  
 Yes - treatment initiated  Yes - treatment completed  No
18. Is the patient currently receiving requested drug?  Yes  No
19. Is this request for continuation of therapy?  Yes  No *If No, skip to diagnosis section.*

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20. Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program? *If Yes or Unknown, skip to diagnosis section*  
 Yes - Simponi  Yes - Simponi Aria  No  Unknown
21. Has the patient achieved clinical remission or maintained positive clinical response to treatment as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms since starting treatment with the requested drug?  
 Yes  No *No further questions*

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

Section C: Rheumatoid Arthritis

22. Is the requested drug being prescribed in combination with methotrexate?  Yes  No  
*If No, indicate clinical reason and no further questions:* \_\_\_\_\_
23. Has the patient received a biologic or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz) that is indicated for moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis? *If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No
24. 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
25. Has the patient experienced intolerance to methotrexate? *If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No
26. Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate?  Yes  No  
*If Yes, indicate the contraindication:* \_\_\_\_\_

Section D: Ankylosing Spondylitis or Axial Spondyloarthritis

27. Has the patient previously received a biologic indicated for active ankylosing spondylitis or axial spondyloarthritis?  
*If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No
28. 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

29. Has the patient previously received a biologic or targeted synthetic disease modifying drug (e.g., Xeljanz) indicated for moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis? *If Yes, no further questions*  Yes  No
30. 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
31. 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 [Entocort, Uceris], methylprednisolone, prednisone, cyclosporine [Sandimmune], mesalamine [Asacol, Lialda, Pentasa, Canasa, Rowasa], mercaptopurine [Purinethol], sulfasalazine, tacrolimus [Prograf], metronidazole/ciprofloxacin [for pouchitis only])?  Yes  No

State Step Therapy

1. 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

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2. 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
3. Does the patient reside in Maryland?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #7*
4. Is the alternate drug (see below) FDA-approved for the medical condition being treated?  Yes  No  
*If No, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_*
5. Has the prescriber provided proof, documented in the patient's chart notes, indicating that the requested drug was ordered for the patient in the past 180 days?  Yes  No *If No, skip to #7*
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 *No further questions*
7. Are any of the following conditions met for the alternate drug (see below)?
  - The alternate drug is contraindicated
  - The alternate drug is likely to cause an adverse reaction, physical or mental harm
  - The alternate drug is expected to be ineffective
  - The alternate drug was previously tried or a drug in the same class or with the same action was previously tried and was stopped due to ineffectiveness or an adverse event
  - The alternate drug is not in the patient's best interest
  - None of the above*If Yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_*
8. Is the patient stable or currently receiving a positive therapeutic outcome with the requested drug and a change in the prescription drug is expected to be ineffective or cause harm to the patient?  Yes  No

*Preferred drug(s) based on diagnosis:*

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***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**

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

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