PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT **Ohio Medicaid**	
DRUG NAME	Cimzia (certolizumab pegol)
BILLING CODE	Must use valid NDC code
BENEFIT TYPE	Pharmacy
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) Alternative preferred products include Enbrel & Humira (if appropriate for indication) QUANTITY LIMIT— 1200 per 28 days
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED **NOT** MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

Cimzia (certolizumab pegol) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **pharmacy** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS (AS)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member must be 18 years of age or older; AND
2. Must have a documented negative TB test (i.e. tuberculosis skin test (PPD), an interferon-release assay (IGRA), or a chest x-ray) within 6 months prior to starting therapy; AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by a rheumatologist; AND
4. Member has had back pain for 3 months or more that began before the age of 45; AND
5. Current imaging results show an inflammation of one or both of the sacroiliac joints; AND
6. Member shows at least **one** of the following signs or symptoms of Spondyloarthritis:
   a) Arthritis;
   b) Elevated serum C-reactive protein;
   c) Inflammation at the tendon, ligament or joint capsule insertions;
   d) Positive HLA-B27 test;
   e) Limited chest expansion;
   f) Morning stiffness for 1 hour or more; AND
7. Member meets at least **one** of the following scenarios:
   a) Member has Axial (spinal) disease;
   b) Member has peripheral arthritis without axial involvement and has tried and failed treatment with methotrexate or sulfasalazine. Treatment failure requires at least 3 months of therapy without an adequate response; AND
8. Member has tried and failed to respond to treatment with at least 2 prescription NSAIDs taken at the maximum recommended dosages. Treatment failure requires at least 4 weeks of therapy without an adequate response; AND
9. Member has tried and failed treatment with **both** Enbrel and Humira.
10. **Dosage allowed:** Inject 400 mg subcutaneously once a week at weeks 0, 2, and 4 and then 200 mg every other week or 400 mg every four weeks.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For **reauthorization**:
1. Must have been retested for TB with a negative result within the past 12 months; AND
2. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
3. Chart notes have been provided that show the member has shown improvement of signs and symptoms of disease.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CROHN'S DISEASE (CD)

For **initial** authorization:
1. Member is 18 years of age or older with moderate to severe active CD; AND
2. Must have a documented negative TB test (i.e. tuberculosis skin test (PPD), an interferon-release assay (IGRA), or a chest x-ray) within 6 months prior to starting therapy; AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by a gastroenterologist; AND
4. Member has tried and failed treatment with Humira; AND
5. Member has had a documented trial and inadequate response to 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine, methotrexate or corticosteroids; OR
6. Member has severe disease, as indicated by at least **one** of the following:
   a) Esophageal or gastroduodenal disease;
   b) Extensive small-bowel disease involving more than 100 cm;
   c) History of colonic resection;
   d) History of two or more small-bowel resections;
   e) Perianal or rectal disease.
7. **Dosage allowed:** Inject 400 mg subcutaneously once a week at weeks 0, 2, and 4 and then 400 mg every four weeks.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For **reauthorization**:
1. Must have been retested for TB with a negative result within the past 12 months; AND
2. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
3. Chart notes have been provided that show the member has shown improvement of signs and symptoms of disease.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS (PsA)

For **initial** authorization:
1. Member must be 18 years of age or older; AND
2. Must have a documented negative TB test (i.e. tuberculosis skin test (PPD), an interferon-release assay (IGRA), or a chest x-ray) within 6 months prior to starting therapy; AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist; AND
4. Member has tried and failed treatment with **both** Enbrel and Humira; AND
5. Member meets at least **one** of the following scenarios:
   a) Member has predominantly axial disease (i.e. sacroiliitis or spondylitis) as indicated by radiographic evidence;
   b) Member has shown symptoms of predominantly axial disease (i.e. sacroiliitis or spondylitis) for more than 3 months (i.e. limited spinal range of motion, spinal morning stiffness for more than 30 minutes) AND has tried and failed to respond to treatment with at least 2 prescription NSAIDs taken at the maximum recommended dosages. Treatment failure requires at least 4 weeks of therapy without an adequate response;

c) Member has predominately non-axial disease and has tried and failed to respond to treatment with at least 8-week trial of methotrexate and NSAID.

6. **Dosage allowed:** Inject 400 mg subcutaneously once a week at weeks 0, 2, and 4 and then 200 mg every other week or 400 mg every four weeks.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Must have been retested for TB with a negative result within the past 12 months; AND
2. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
3. Chart notes have been provided that show the member has shown improvement of signs and symptoms of disease.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (RA)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member must be 18 years of age or older with moderate to severe active RA; AND
2. Must have a documented negative TB test (i.e. tuberculosis skin test (PPD), an interferon-release assay (IGRA), or a chest x-ray) within 6 months prior to starting therapy; AND
3. Medication must be prescribed by a rheumatologist; AND
4. Member must have tried and failed treatment with at least **two** non-biologic DMARDS (i.e. methotrexate, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine, azathioprine, cyclosporine and leflunomide) or must have documented contraindication to all non-biologic DMARDS. Treatment trial duration with each non-biologic DMARD agent must have been at least 12 weeks; AND
5. Member must have tried and failed treatment with **both** Enbrel and Humira.
6. **Dosage allowed:** Inject 400 mg subcutaneously once a week at weeks 0, 2, and 4 and then 200 mg every other week thereafter.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Must have been retested for TB with a negative result within the past 12 months; AND
2. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
3. Chart notes have been provided that show the member has shown improvement of signs and symptoms of disease.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Cimzia (certolizumab pegol) not medically necessary for the treatment of the following disease states based on a lack of robust clinical controlled trials showing superior efficacy compared to currently available treatments:

- Active infections
- Asthma
- Cellulitis
- Dissecting scalp cellulitis
- For use in combination with other TNF-inhibitors (i.e. Kineret, Enbrel, Remicade)
- Giant-cell arteritis

- Guttate psoriasis
- Infectious uveitis
- Lupus perino
- Osteoarthritis
- Recurrent pregnancy loss
- Relapsing polychondritis
- Sarcoidosis
- Sciatica
- Spondyloarthritis (other than ankylosing spondylitis)
- Takayasu's arteritis
- Vogt-Koyanagi

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
05/08/2017	New policy for Cimzia created. Policies SRx-0041 and SRx-0042 achieved. New diagnosis of AS with criteria was added. For diagnosis of CD: TNF inhibitor Humira and corticosteroids trials were added. For PsA: TNF inhibitors Humira and Enbrel were listed as required trials. For RA: non-biologic DMARDS were listed, and TNF inhibitors Humira and Enbrel were listed as required trials. List of diagnoses considered not medically necessary was added.

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