

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT Ohio Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Omvoh (mirikizumab-mrkz)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Omvoh, initially approved by the FDA in 2023, is an interleukin-23 antagonist indicated for the treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adults. IL-23 is involved in mucosal inflammation and affects the differentiation, expansion, and survival of T cell subsets, and innate immune cell subsets, which represent sources of pro-inflammatory cytokines Omvoh inhibits the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines.

Ulcerative colitis is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in which the colon becomes inflamed. Symptoms include abdominal pain, frequent bowel movements, and bloody or pus-filled diarrhea. The pattern of disease activity is characterized by periods of active inflammation alternating with periods of remission.

Omvoh (mirikizumab-mrkz) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Ulcerative Colitis

For *initial* authorization:

- 1. Member is at least 18 years of age; AND
- 2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; AND
- 3. Member has a diagnosis of moderately to severely active UC; AND
- 4. Member must have a documented trial and inadequate response with **ONE** of the following:
 - a) 3 months of 6-mercaptopurine or azathioprine;
 - b) 30 days of a corticosteroid (e.g., budesonide, prednisone, methylprednisolone);
 - c) 3 months of 5-aminosalicylate (e.g., Asacol HD, Lialda, Pentasa, Delzicol, mesalamine, etc.); AND
- 5. Member has had a trial of a tumor necrosis factor inhibitor (e.g., Remicade, Humira, Cimzia); AND
- 6. Member has baseline liver function tests completed or scheduled; AND
- 7. Member has had a negative tuberculosis test within the past 12 months.

8. Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:

- a) Induction: 300 mg administered by intravenous infusion over at least 30 minutes at Week 0, Week 4, and Week 8.
- b) Maintenance: 200 mg administered by subcutaneous injection at Week 12, and then every 4 weeks. Quantity Limit: 2 mL per 28 days.

NOTE: Maintenance SubQ doses payable via CareSource if buy/bill or Gainwell if dispensed by pharmacy

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 3 months.

For reauthorization:

1. Chart notes have been provided showing an improvement in signs and symptoms of disease such as clinical remission, reduced rectal bleeding, decreased stool frequency, or endoscopic-histologic mucosal healing.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.



CareSource considers Omvoh (mirikizumab-mrkz) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off-Label policy.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION	
11/03/2023	New policy for Omvoh created.	
01/25/2024	Approved by ODM	

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