

## PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

### Kentucky Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Simponi Aria (golimumab)
BILLING CODE	J1602 (1 unit = 1 mg)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Outpatient Hospital
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non-Preferred Product) Alternative preferred products include Enbrel & Humira (if appropriate for indication) QUANTITY LIMIT — 120 units every 56 days
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED <b>NOT</b> MEDICALLY NECESSARY	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

Simponi Aria (golimumab) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **medical** 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 30 days of therapy without an adequate response; AND
8. Member has tried and failed to respond to treatment with at least **two** prescription NSAIDs taken at the maximum recommended dosages. Treatment failure requires at least 30 days of therapy without an adequate response; AND
9. Member has tried and failed treatment with **both** Enbrel and Humira.
10. **Dosage allowed:** 50 mg subcutaneously once a month.

***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 30 days 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 30-day trial of methotrexate and NSAID.
6. **Dosage allowed:** 50 mg subcutaneously once a month.

***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. Medication is being given in combination with methotrexate or with another immunosuppressive agent if the member cannot tolerate methotrexate; AND
5. 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 30 days; AND
6. Member must have tried and failed treatment with **both** Enbrel and Humira.
7. **Dosage allowed:** 2 mg/kg intravenous infusion over 30 minutes at weeks 0 and 4, then every 8 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.***

**CareSource considers Simponi Aria (golimumab) 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
- Crohn's disease
- Dissecting scalp cellulitis
- For use in combination with TNF-inhibitors (Enbrel, Humira, Remicade, Kineret)
- Giant-cell arteritis
- Infectious uveitis
- Lupus perino
- Osteoarthritis
- Relapsing polychondritis
- Sarcoidosis
- Sciatica
- Spondyloarthritis
- Takayasu's arteritis
- Ulcerative colitis
- Vogt-Koyanagi

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
05/10/2017	New policy for Simponi Aria created. Policy SRx-0042 archived. List of diagnoses considered not medically necessary was added.
11/13/2017	New indications of AS and PsA added.

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