Updates to our autoimmune drug coverage

Dear Health Care Professional/Hospital Administrator:

We're making changes to autoimmune drug coverage starting January 1, 2018. We're expanding access to a broader set of autoimmune drugs, while offering cost effective biosimilars to our members and providers.

The following coverage changes will start on January 1, 2018:

Humira (adalimumab) coverage changes
Humira (adalimumab) moves to a non-preferred brand (NPB) on all 2018 Commercial Specialty Formularies. Step through preferred brands will be required for patients new to therapy or not responding to or compliant with Humira therapy.

Preferred Brand therapy additions
We’ll be adding several preferred-brands (PBs). This will allow physicians and patients more choice. The following PBs will be available:

- Entyvio (vedolizumab)
- Simponi (golimumab)
- Tremfya (guselkumab)
- Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib citrate)

Step therapy removed
We'll remove step therapy edits for several NPBs. This will allow physicians and patients more choice. However, patients may pay more for a NPB. The following NPB's will no longer require step through preferred biologics for disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARD):

- Cimzia (certolizumab)
- Siliq (brodalumab)
- Cosentyx (secukinumab)
- Taltz (Ixekizumab)
• Kevzara (sarilumab)

**Biosimilars added to coverage**

Adding biosimilars allows us, our clients and patients access to lower cost, clinically equivalent products. The following biosimilars have been added as preferred products to all 2018 Commercial Specialty Formularies:

• Inflectra (infliximab-dyyb)  
• Renflexis (infliximab-abda)

The following drugs continue to require trial of preferred products for all 2018 Commercial Specialty Formularies:

• Actemra (tocilizumab)  
• Orencia (abatacept)  
• Kineret (anakinra)

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