



## 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)
- Tremfya (guselkumab)
- Simponi (golimumab)
- 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)
- Cosentyx (secukinumab)
- Siliq (brodalumab)
- 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)
- Orenzia (abatacept)
- Kineret (anakinra)

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