# SENTARA HEALTH PLANS

## MEDICAL PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/STEP-EDIT REQUEST*

**Directions:** **The prescribing physician must sign and clearly print name (preprinted stamps not valid) on this request**. All other information may be filled in by office staff; **fax to 1-844-668-1550**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, authorization can be delayed**.

**For Medicare Members:** Medicare Coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

**Drug Requested: Tezspire™** (tezepelumab) **(J2356) (Medical)**

**MEMBER & PRESCRIBER INFORMATION:** Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

**Member Name:** _____

**Member Sentara #:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

**Prescriber Name:** _____

**Prescriber Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

**Office Contact Name:** _____

**Phone Number:** _____ **Fax Number:** _____

**NPI #:** _____

**DRUG INFORMATION:** Authorization may be delayed if incomplete.

**Drug Form/Strength:** _____

**Dosing Schedule**: _____ **Length of Therapy**: _____

**Diagnosis:** _____ **ICD Code, if applicable:** _____

**Weight (if applicable):** _____ **Date weight obtained:** _____

❑ Standard Review. In checking this box, the timeframe does not jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function and would not subject the member to severe pain.

**Recommended Dosage:** Adults and adolescents ≥ 12 years: 210 mg/1.9 mL SubQ, single-dose prefilled syringe or single dose vial once every 4 weeks

***The Health Plan considers the use of concomitant therapy with Cinqair®, Dupixent®, Fasenra®, Nucala®, Tezspire™ and Xolair® to be experimental and investigational. Safety and efficacy of these combinations have NOT been established and will NOT be permitted. In the event a member has an active Cinqair®, Dupixent®, Fasenra®, Nucala®, and Xolair® authorization on file, all subsequent requests for Tezspire™ will NOT be approved.**

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**Medication will be (select ONE of the following):**

- ❑ **Self-Administered** (pharmacy benefit)
- ❑ **Administered by Provider** (medical benefit)

**CLINICAL CRITERIA:** Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

## Initial Authorization: 12 months

- ❑ Member has a confirmed diagnosis of severe asthma
- ❑ Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist or pulmonologist
- ❑ Member is 12 years of age or older
- ❑ Has the member been approved for Tezspire™ previously through the Health Plan pharmacy department?
  - ❑ Yes ❑ No
- ❑ Member is currently being treated with **ONE** of the following unless there is a contraindication or intolerance to these medications and must be compliant on therapy **for at least 90 consecutive days** within a year of request **(verified by pharmacy paid claims)**:
  - ❑ High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) (e.g., greater than 500 mcg fluticasone propionate equivalent/day) **AND** an additional asthma controller medication (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonist, long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA), theophylline)
  - ❑ One maximally dosed combination ICS/LABA product (e.g., Advair® (fluticasone propionate/salmeterol), Dulera® (mometasone/formoterol), Symbicort® (budesonide/formoterol))
- ❑ Member has experienced **ONE** of the following (check box that applies):
  - ❑ **ONE (1)** or more exacerbations requiring additional medical treatment (e.g., oral corticosteroids, emergency department, urgent care visits or hospitalizations within the past 12 months)
  - ❑ Any prior intubation for an asthma exacerbation
- ❑ Member has a baseline forced expiratory volume (FEV1) < 80% predicted normal (< 90% for members 12-17 years old) submitted with the year of request

**Reauthorization: 12 months.** Check below all that apply. All criteria must be met for approval. To support each line checked, all documentation, including lab results, diagnostics, and/or chart notes, must be provided or request may be denied.

- ❑ Member has experienced a sustained positive clinical response to Tezspire™ therapy as demonstrated by at least **ONE** of the following **(check all that apply)**:
  - ❑ Increase in percent predicted Forced Expiratory Volume (FEV1) from baseline (pre-treatment)
  - ❑ Reduction in the dose of inhaled corticosteroids required to control asthma
  - ❑ Reduction in the use of oral corticosteroids to treat/prevent exacerbation
  - ❑ Reduction in asthma symptoms such as chest tightness, coughing, shortness of breath or nocturnal awakenings

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- ❑ Member is currently being treated with **ONE** of the following unless there is a contraindication or intolerance to these medications **(verified by pharmacy paid claims)**:
  - ❑ High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) (e.g., greater than 500 mcg fluticasone propionate equivalent/day) **AND** an additional asthma controller medication (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonist, long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA), theophylline)
  - ❑ One maximally dosed combination ICS/LABA product (e.g., Advair® (fluticasone propionate/salmeterol), Dulera® (mometasone/formoterol), Symbicort® (budesonide/formoterol))

❑ **Medication being provided by (check applicable box(es) below):**

❑ **Physician's office** **OR** ❑ **Specialty Pharmacy**

For urgent reviews: Practitioner should call Sentara Health Plans Pre-Authorization Department if they believe a standard review would subject the member to adverse health consequences. Sentara Health Plan's definition of urgent is a lack of treatment that could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function.

***Use of samples to initiate therapy does not meet step edit/ preauthorization criteria.***

***Previous therapies will be verified through pharmacy paid claims or submitted chart notes.***



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