SENTARA HEALTH PLANS

PHARMACY 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 1-800-750-9692**. No additional phone calls will be necessary if all information (including phone and fax #s) on this form is correct. **If the information provided is not complete, correct, or legible, the authorization process can be delayed.**

Drug Requested: Tezspire® (tezepelumab) **(Pharmacy)**

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:** _____

Recommended Dosage: Adults and adolescents ≥ 12 years: 210 mg administered subcutaneously 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.**

Medication will be (select ONE of the following):

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

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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.

❑ Diagnosis: Severe Asthma

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 medical 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

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- ❑ 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)
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❑ **Diagnosis: Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps (CRSwNP)**

Initial Authorization: 12 months

- ❑ Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist or otolaryngologist
- ❑ Member is 12 years of age or older
- ❑ Has the member been approved for Tezspire™ previously through the Health Plan medical department?
  - ❑ Yes ❑ No
- ❑ Member has a **diagnosis of CRSwNP** confirmed by the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Clinical Practice Guideline (Update): Adult Sinusitis (AAO-HNSF 2015)/American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) with **ONE** of the following clinical procedures:
  - ❑ Anterior rhinoscopy
  - ❑ Nasal endoscopy
  - ❑ Computed tomography (CT)
- ❑ Member has a documented diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis defined by at least 12 weeks of the following:
  - ❑ Mucosal inflammation **AND** at least **TWO** of the following:
    - ❑ Decreased sense of smell
    - ❑ Facial pressure, pain, fullness
    - ❑ Mucopurulent drainage
    - ❑ Nasal obstruction
- ❑ Member has tried and failed intranasal corticosteroids **for at least 30 consecutive days** within a year of request **(verified by pharmacy paid claims)**
- ❑ Member is requesting Tezspire® (tezepelumab) as add-on therapy to maintenance intranasal corticosteroids **(verified by pharmacy paid claims)**

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- ❑ Member has experienced a positive clinical response to Tezspire® therapy (e.g., reduced nasal polyp size, improved nasal congestion, reduced sinus opacification, decreased sino-nasal symptoms, improved sense of smell, reduction in use of oral corticosteroids)
- ❑ Member has been compliant with Tezspire® therapy and continues to receive therapy with an intranasal corticosteroid **(verified by pharmacy paid claims)**

Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy – Proprium Rx

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.*

***Approved by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee:** ~~3/17/2022; 7/24/2025;~~ **11/20/2025**
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