

# SENTARA COMMUNITY PLAN (MEDICAID)

## 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) (Non-Preferred)

**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 Name/Form/Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Dosing Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Therapy: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_ ICD Code, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date weight obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Sentara Health Plans considers the use of concomitant therapy with Cinqair®, Dupixent®, Fasenra®, Nucala®, 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.

**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.

- Has the member been approved for Tezspire™ previously through the Sentara pharmacy department?  
 Yes  No

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**DIAGNOSIS: Severe Asthma**

**Initial Authorization: 6 months**

1. Is the member 12 years of age or older?  Yes  No
2. Does the member have a diagnosis of severe asthma\*?  Yes  No
3. Will coadministration with another monoclonal antibody be avoided (i.e. omalizumab, mepolizumab, reslizumab, benralizumab, and dupilumab)?  Yes  No
4. Will Tezspire™ be used for add-on maintenance treatment in members regularly receiving both (unless otherwise contraindicated) of the following:
  - Medium to high dose inhaled corticosteroids **AND**
  - An additional controller medication (i.e. long-acting beta agonist, leukotriene modifiers?)  Yes  No
5. Has the member had two or more exacerbations in the previous year requiring oral or injectable corticosteroid treatment (in addition to the regular maintenance therapy defined above) or one exacerbation resulting in hospitalization?  Yes  No
6. Does the member have at least one of the following for assessment of clinical status:
  - Use of systemic corticosteroids
  - Use of inhaled corticosteroids
  - Number of hospitalizations, ER visits, or unscheduled visits to healthcare provider due to condition
  - Forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1)?  Yes  No
7. Has the member tried and failed an adequate trial of the 2 different preferred products (Fasenra® and Xolair®)?  Yes  No  N/A

If N/A selected for question 7, please answer the following:

1. Does the member lack an eosinophilic phenotype with blood eosinophils  $\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L? **OR**  Yes  No
2. Does the member have a serum IgE level  $< 30$  IU/mL? **OR**  Yes  No
3. Does the member have another predicted intolerance to the preferred agents?  Yes  No

Please provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIAGNOSIS: Severe Asthma**

**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.

1. Has the member been assessed for toxicity?  Yes  No
2. Does the member have improvement in asthma symptoms or asthma exacerbations as evidenced by a decrease in one or more of the following:
  - Use of systemic corticosteroids
  - Hospitalizations
  - ER visits
  - Unscheduled visits to healthcare provider
  - Improvement from baseline in forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1)? Yes  No

**Components of severity for classifying asthma as severe may include any of the following (not all inclusive):**

- Asthma that remains uncontrolled despite optimized treatment with high-dose ICS-LABA
- Asthma that requires high-dose ICS-LABA to prevent it from being uncontrolled
- Symptoms throughout the day
- Nighttime awakenings, often 7 times per week
- SABA use for symptom control occurs several times per day
- Extremely limited normal activities
- Lung function (percent predicted FEV1) < 60%
- Exacerbations requiring oral systemic corticosteroids are generally more frequent and intense relative to moderate asthma

**DIAGNOSIS: Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP)**

**Initial Authorization: 6 months**

1. Is the member 12 years of age or older?  Yes  No
2. Does the member have a diagnosis of bilateral symptomatic sino-nasal polyposis with symptoms lasting at least 8 weeks?  Yes  No
3. Will coadministration with another monoclonal antibody be avoided (e.g. omalizumab, mepolizumab, reslizumab, benralizumab, dupilumab)?  Yes  No
4. Has the member tried and failed an 8-week trial of intranasal corticosteroid therapy?  Yes  No

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5. Will Tezspire be used in combination with intranasal corticosteroids (unless intolerant or contraindicated)?  Yes  No
6. Has the member tried and failed an adequate trial of the preferred product, Xolair (unless contraindicated or clinically inappropriate)?  Yes  No

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1. Has the member been assessed for toxicity?  Yes  No
2. Has the member experienced a disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline in one or more of the following: nasal/obstruction symptoms, improvement of sinus opacifications as assessed by CT-scans and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., nasal polyposis score [NPS], nasal congestion [NC] symptom severity score, sinonasal outcome test-22 [SNOT-22]). **OR**  Yes  No
3. Did the member have improvement in at least one of the following response criteria:
- Reduction in nasal polyp size
  - Reduction in need for systemic corticosteroids
  - Improvement in quality of life
  - Improvement in sense of smell
  - Reduction of impact of comorbidities?

**Medication being provided by Specialty Pharmacy - PropriumRx**

***\*\*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.\****