

# 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:** Nucala™ (mepolizumab) (Pharmacy) (Non-Preferred)  
Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

DEA OR NPI #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Drug Form/Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Dosage:** 300mg/mL SubQ once every 4 weeks administered as 3 separate 100-mg injections

**\*The Health Plan considers the use of concomitant therapy with Cinqair®, Dupixent®, Fasentra®, 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®, Fasentra®, Tezspire™ or Xolair® authorization on file, all subsequent requests for Nucala® 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.

**Initial Approval Length – 6 months**

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1. Has the member been approved for Nucala<sup>®</sup> previously through the Sentara medical department?  
 Yes  No
2. Is the member 12 years of age or older?  
 Yes  No
3. Has the member been diagnosed with HES (without an identifiable non-hematologic secondary cause (e.g., drug hypersensitivity, parasitic helminth infection, HIV infection, non-hematologic malignancy) or FIP1L1- PDGFR $\alpha$  kinase-positive HES) for at least 6 months prior to starting treatment?  
 Yes  No
4. Has the member had a history of 2 or more HES flares within the previous 12 months (e.g., documented HES-related worsening of clinical symptoms or blood eosinophil counts requiring an escalation in therapy)?  
 Yes  No
5. Will this be used in combination with stable doses of at least one other HES therapy, (e.g., oral corticosteroids, immunosuppressive agents, cytotoxic therapy) unless the member cannot tolerate other therapy?  
 Yes  No

**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. Has the member had a disease response as indicated by a decrease in HES flares from baseline?  
**Note:** An HES flare is defined as worsening of clinical signs and symptoms of HES or increasing eosinophils (on at least 2 occasions), resulting in the need to increase oral corticosteroids or increase/add cytotoxic or immunosuppressive HES therapy. **(submit chart notes)**  
 Yes  No

**Medication being provided by a 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.\****