

**Orencia (abatacept)
Effective January 1, 2021**

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth (PUF) <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit (NLX)		
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
Contact Information	Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 866-814-5506	Fax: 866-249-6155
	Non-Specialty Medications		
	MassHealth	Phone: 877-433-7643	Fax: 866-255-7569
	Commercial	Phone: 800-294-5979	Fax: 888-836-0730
	Exchange	Phone: 855-582-2022	Fax: 855-245-2134
	Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)		
	All Plans	Phone: 844-345-2803	Fax: 844-851-0882
Exceptions	N/A		

Overview

Orencia (abatacept) is a selective T cell co-stimulation modulator indicated for:

- Moderately to severely active Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) in adults
- Moderately to severely active polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA) in patients 2 years of age or older
- Active Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) in adults

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members new to AllWays Health Partners who are currently receiving treatment with Orencia excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs.

OR

Authorization may be granted for members when ALL the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and Moderate-to-severe Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA)

Prescriber provides documentation of ALL of the following:

1. Appropriate diagnosis
2. ONE of the following:
 - a. Paid claims or physician documented inadequate response or adverse reaction to at least ONE traditional DMARD or contraindication to traditional DMARDs
 - b. Paid claims or physician documented inadequate response or adverse reaction to ONE biologic DMARD that is FDA-approved for the requested indication



3. Dosing is appropriate

Psoriatic Arthritis

Prescriber provides documentation of **ALL** of the following:

1. Appropriate diagnosis
2. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Paid claims or physician documented inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** anti-TNF agent that is FDA-approved for the requested indication
 - b. Contraindication to **ALL** anti-TNF agents that are FDA-approved for the requested indication
3. Appropriate dosing

NOTE: DMARD trial is not required in members with active psoriatic arthritis with axial (spine) involvement (including sacroiliitis) whose condition is not sufficiently controlled with NSAIDs (paid claims or physician documented use of NSAIDs is sufficient)

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization requires physician documentation of continuation of therapy, positive response to therapy, FDA approved indication and appropriate dosing

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be for 6 months.
2. Reauthorizations will be for up to 12 months.
3. The following quantity limits apply:

Orencia Inj 50mg/0.4mL	4 units per 28 days
Orencia Inj 87.5mg/0.7mL	
Orencia 125mg/mL	
Orencia Inj 250mg	

Appendix

Appendix A: Dosing

	Pediatric Dosing	Other Dosing												
Orencia® (abatacept)	Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (≥ 6 years old, weight < 75 kg): 10 mg/kg IV at weeks 0, 2, and 4, then every 4 weeks thereafter	Rheumatoid arthritis or Psoriatic Arthritis (IV regimen): Dose based on weight infused over 30 minutes at week 0, 2, and 4, then every 4 weeks thereafter. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Body weight of patient</th> <th>Dose</th> <th>Number of vials</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><60 kg</td> <td>500 mg</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60 to 100 kg</td> <td>750 mg</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>>100 kg</td> <td>1 gm</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Rheumatoid arthritis or Psoriatic Arthritis (SQ regimen): Weight-based IV loading dose (as per above), then 125 mg SQ within 1 day, followed by 125 mg SQ once weekly. <u>Unable to receive an IV infusion:</u> Initiate weekly SQ injections without an IV loading dose. <u>Transitioning from IV to SQ:</u> administer the first SQ dose instead of the next scheduled IV dose.	Body weight of patient	Dose	Number of vials	<60 kg	500 mg	2	60 to 100 kg	750 mg	3	>100 kg	1 gm	4
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	60 to 100 kg		750 mg	3										
	>100 kg		1 gm	4										
Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (≥ 6 years old, weight > 75 kg): Refer to adult IV dosing regimen. Maximum dose: 1,000 mg.														
Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (≥ 2 years old, weight 10 kg to 24 kg): 50 mg SQ every week														
Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (≥ 2 years old, weight 25 to 49 kg): 87.5 mg SQ every week														
Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (≥ 2 years old, weight ≥50 kg): 125 mg SQ every week														

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Review History

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02/22/16 – Reviewed

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