

**Skyrizi (risankizumab-rzaa)**  
**Effective 11/01/2022**

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

**Overview**

Skyrizi (Risankizumab-rzaa) is an interleukin (IL)-23 antagonist that works by inhibiting the interaction with the IL-23 receptor which results in the inhibition of the of the release of proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines. It is indicated for the treatment of moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis, active psoriatic arthritis in adults, and moderate-to-severe active Crohn’s disease in adults.

**Coverage Guidelines**

Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members new to the plan who are currently receiving treatment with Skyrizi 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 Plaque Psoriasis (PsO)**

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** conventional therapy (see appendix A)
    - i. topical agent
    - ii. phototherapy
    - iii. systemic agent
  - b. Contraindication to **ALL** conventional therapies:



- i. topical agents
    - ii. phototherapy
    - iii. systemic agents
  - c. Paid claims or physician documented inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** biologic DMARD that is FDA-approved for plaque psoriasis
3. Appropriate dosing †
4. Prescriber provides clinical rationale for use of Skyrizi instead of Stelara®

### **Psoriatic Arthritis**

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

1. Appropriate diagnosis
2. Member meets **BOTH** of the following:
  - a. Paid claims or physician documented of inadequate response, adverse reaction, or contraindication to Stelara®
  - b. **ONE** of the following:
    - i. Paid claims or physician documented of inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** anti-TNF agent that is FDA-approved for psoriatic arthritis
    - ii. Contraindication to **ALL** anti-TNF agents that are FDA-approved for psoriatic arthritis
3. Appropriate dosing (see appendix and availability and dosage section) †

### **Moderate to Severe Crohn's disease**

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

1. Appropriate diagnosis
2. Appropriate dosing (see appendix and availability and dosage section) †
3. **BOTH** of the following:
  - a. Paid claims or physician documentation of inadequate response, adverse reaction, or contraindication to Stelara®
  - b. Paid claims or physician documentation of inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** or contraindication to **ALL** anti-TNF agents that are FDA-approved for Crohn's disease

† Requests for more frequent or higher doses – See Appendix

### **Continuation of Therapy**

Resubmission by prescriber for any of the following FDA-approved diagnoses will infer a positive response to therapy and request can be recertified if dosing is appropriate.

### **Limitations**

1. Initial authorizations will be granted for:
  - a. Plaque Psoriasis: 3 months
  - b. All other indications: 6 months
  - c. Crohn's disease: up to 2 months (to complete induction period with 600 mg vials) OR 6 months (if member is stable on 360 mg dose)
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months
3. The following quantity limits apply:

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| Skyrizi 75mg and 150mg                            | <u>Psoriatic Arthritis/Plaque Psoriasis:</u><br>One loading dose: 150mg at weeks 0 and 4<br>Maintenance dose: 150mg every 12 weeks   |
| Skyrizi 600mg/10mL vial and 360mg/2.4mL cartridge | <u>Crohn's Disease:</u><br>IV Loading dose: 600mg at weeks 0, 4, and 8<br>Maintenance SQ: 360mg at week 12, and every 8 weeks after. |

## Appendix

### Appendix A. Conventional Therapies for Plaque Psoriasis

| Conventional Treatment Lines | Agents Used   |
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| Topical Agents               | emollients, keratolytics, corticosteroids, coal tar, anthralin, calcipotriene, tazarotene, calcitriol, calcineurin inhibitors |
| Systemic Agents              | Traditional DMARDs: methotrexate, apremilast, acitretin,  |
| Phototherapy                 | ultraviolet A and topical psoralens (topical PUVA), ultraviolet A and oral psoralens (systemic PUVA), narrow band UV-B (NUVB) |

### Appendix B. Requests for More Frequent or Higher Doses

Requests more frequent or higher doses of injectable biologics, may be approved if ALL of the following is provided:

1. Documentation of severe disease
2. **ONE** of the following:
  - a. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** other injectable biologic which is FDA-approved for the requested indication
  - b. Contraindication to **ALL** other injectable biologics which are FDA-approved for the requested indication
3. Documented partial response to FDA-approved dosing of current biologic therapy
4. Documentation of specialist consult for the requested indication

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## Review History

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11/1/2021 – Reviewed and Updated for Nov P&T; Guideline updated to reflect multiple criteria changes and appendices changes based on clinical literature. Effective 01/01/2022

06/22/2022 – Reviewed and Updated for June P&T; matched MH UPPL. Added criteria for newly FDA-approved indication: Psoriatic Arthritis. Continuation of therapy language was updated. Added approval duration for initial auths for PsO – 3 months. Updated Overview and Reference sections. Added Appendix B for More Frequent/Higher Doses. Effective 08/01/2022

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