

Tezspire® (tezepelumab-ekko)
Effective 9/1/2022

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Benefit	<input 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

Tezspire is indicated for add-on maintenance treatment of adult and pediatric patients aged 12 years and older with severe asthma

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed for members new to AllWays Health Partners who are currently receiving treatment with Tezspire, 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:

1. Member is 12 years of age or older
2. Documented diagnosis of uncontrolled asthma demonstrated by ONE of the following:
 - a. Two or more asthma exacerbations requiring oral or injectable corticosteroid treatment.
 - b. One or more asthma exacerbation resulting in hospitalization or emergency medical care visit within previous 12 months
 - c. Poor symptom control (frequent symptoms or reliever use, activity limited by asthma, night waking due to asthma).
3. Member has inadequate asthma control despite current treatment with both of the following medications at optimized doses:
 - a. High dose inhaled corticosteroid
 - b. Additional controller (long acting beta2-agonist, long-acting muscarinic antagonist, leukotriene modifier, or sustained-release theophylline)
4. Member will not use Tezspire as monotherapy.



5. Member will not use Tezspire concomitantly with other biologics indicated for asthma (e.g., Cinqair, Dupixent, Fasenra, Nucala, Xolair).

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorizations requires physician documentation of continuation of therapy and the following criteria:

1. Asthma control has improved on Tezspire treatment as demonstrated by at least one of the following:
 - a. A reduction in the frequency and/or severity of symptoms and exacerbations.
 - b. A reduction in the daily maintenance oral corticosteroid dose.
2. Member will not use Tezspire as monotherapy.
3. Member will not use Tezspire concomitantly with other biologics indicated for asthma (e.g., Cinqair, Dupixent, Fasenra, Nucala, Xolair).

Limitations

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

Tezspire 210mg/1.91mL	1 injection per 28 days
-----------------------	-------------------------

References

1. Tezspire [package insert]. Thousand Oaks, CA: Amgen Inc.; December 2021

Review History

06/22/2022 – Created and reviewed for June P&T; Effective 09/01/2022

Disclaimer

AllWays Health Partners complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate or exclude people on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.