

Clinical Policy Title:	etanercept
Policy Number:	RxA.734
Drug(s) Applied:	Enbrel®
Original Policy Date:	1/1/2024
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Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business (except Medicare)

Clinical Policy

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Rheumatoid Arthritis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA);
2. Trial and failure of ≥ 6 -weeks of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced: (e.g. Methotrexate [MTX], Leflunomide, Sulfasalazine);

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

B. Psoriatic Arthritis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA);

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

C. Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA);
2. Trial and failure of ≥ 6 -weeks of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced: (e.g., methotrexate [MTX], leflunomide, sulfasalazine, hydroxychloroquine);

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

D. Active Ankylosing Spondylitis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis (AS);
2. Trial and failure, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced, to a 30 day trial of two NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, naproxen) at maximally tolerated doses;

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

E. Plaque Psoriasis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Plaque Psoriasis (PsO);
2. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced:

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- a. Methotrexate [MTX]
- b. Cyclosporine
- c. Acitretin
- d. Phototherapy (psoralen plus ultraviolet A light [PUVA]);

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. All Indications in Section I:

1. Member is currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance or the member has met initial approval criteria.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

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Review/Revision History	Review/Revision Date	P&T Approval Date
<p>RxA.592.Biologic_DMARDs was last reviewed and updated on 01/05/2022 and archived on 04/18/2022. For details, please refer to RxA.592.Biologics_DMARDs.</p>	01/05/2022	04/18/2022
<p>Drug specific policy for Enbrel® was created based on RxA.592.Biologic_DMARDs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.A.5: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of two (2) of the following: Humira®, Cimzia®, Inflectra®, Renflexis™, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, and Taltz®; each used for ≥ 3 months, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. 2. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.A.5: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Members meets both (a and b): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Rinvoq®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced; *Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required. b. Trial and failure of both Actemra® and Orencia® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. 3. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.B.4: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of a trial of at least two (2) of the followings, each used for ≥ 3 months, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced: Cimzia®, Humira®, Inflectra®, Otezla®, Renflexis®, Rinvoq®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Stelara®, Taltz®, or Xeljanz®/ Xeljanz XR®. 4. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.B.4: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Members meets both (a and b): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Rinvoq®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, Skyrizi®, Stelara®, Tremfya® or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are 	02/09/2022	04/18/2022

<p>experienced;</p> <p>*Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required.</p> <p>b. Trial and failure of both Taltz® and Orencia® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.</p> <p>5. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.C.4: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of a trial of ≥ 3 months of MTX at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.</p> <p>a. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.C.4: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Trial and failure of a ≥ 3 months trial of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy (methotrexate [MTX] or leflunomide or sulfasalazine) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;</p> <p>*Exception: If one biologic DMARD that is FDA-approved for rheumatoid arthritis has been previously tried, then trial of a conventional systemic agent is not required.</p> <p>6. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.C.5: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of at least two (2) of the followings, each used for ≥ 3 months, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced: Humira®, Simponi Aria®, or Xeljanz®/ Xeljanz XR®.</p> <p>7. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.C.5: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Trial and failure of all of the following agents unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced for all: Humira®, Actemra®, Orencia®, Xeljanz®.</p> <p>8. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.D.5: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of two (2) of the following: Humira®, Cimzia®, Inflectra®, Renflexis®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Xeljanz®, Xeljanz® XR and Taltz®; each used for ≥ 3 months, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.</p> <p>9. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.D.5: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Members meets both (a</p>		
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<p>and b):</p> <p>a. Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced; Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required.</p> <p>10. Trial and failure of at least one (1) of the following agents: Taltz® or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;</p> <p>11. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.E.4: Updated trial and failure criteria to rephrase and include phototherapy (psoralen plus ultraviolet A light [PUVA]).</p> <p>a. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.E.5: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria Failure of two of the following, each used for ≥ 3 months, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced: Cimzia®, Humira®, Inflectra®, Otezla®, Renflexis®, Skyrizi®, Stelara®, Taltz®.</p> <p>12. Initial Approval Criteria, 1.E.5: Updated to include new trial and failure criteria Members meets both (a and b):</p> <p>a. Trial and failure of at least three (3) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Skyrizi®, Stelara® or Tremfya® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced; *Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required.</p> <p>b. Trial and failure of Taltz® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;</p> <p>13. References were reviewed and updated.</p>		
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<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.5.a: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Rinvoq®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required". 2. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.5.b: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of both Actemra® and Orencia® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced". 3. Initial Approval Criteria, I.B.4.a: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Rinvoq®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, Skyrizi®, Stelara®, Tremfya® or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required." 4. Initial Approval Criteria, I.B.4.b: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of both Taltz® and Orencia® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced". 5. Initial Approval Criteria, I.C.5: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of all of the following agents unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced for all: Humira®, Actemra®, Orencia®, Xeljanz®". 6. Initial Approval Criteria, I.D.5.a: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®/Simponi Aria®, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required." 7. Initial Approval Criteria, I.D.5.b: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of at least one (1) of the following agents: Taltz® or Xeljanz®/XR unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced". 	<p>10/03/2022</p>	<p>10/19/2022</p>
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<p>8. Initial Approval Criteria, I.E.5.a: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of at least three (3) of the following agents: Humira®, Cimzia®, Skyrizi®, Stelara® or Tremfya® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced. Exception: If a total of two TNF inhibitors (Humira®, Cimzia®, Simponi®, Simponi Aria®, Enbrel®) has previously been tried and failed, trial of a third TNF inhibitor is not required."</p> <p>9. Initial Approval Criteria, I.E.5.b: Updated to remove prior trial and failure criteria "Trial and failure of Taltz® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced".</p> <p>10. References were reviewed and updated.</p>		
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removed prior age criteria for RA and PsA.. 2. Removed prior dosing criteria. 3. Updated approval duration. 4. Removed reauthorization requirement for positive response to therapy. 5. References were reviewed and updated. 	11/14/2023	1/1/2024
<p>Policy review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removed age; 2. Removed clause of using bypassing conventional tx if prior DMARD use 3. Removed "at maximally tolerated doses" 	3/1/2024	3/1/2024
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removed prescriber restrictions. 2. Updated Continued therapy approval to "Member is currently receiving medication that has been authorized.." 3. References were reviewed and updated. 	11/25/2024	12/05/2024
<p>Policy reviewed.</p>	12/11/2025	12/11/2025