

Member Name: _____ Member ID: _____ Member DOB: _____

Drug Name: _____ Strength: _____ Directions: _____

Physician Name: _____ Physician Phone #: _____ Specialty: _____

Physician Fax #: _____ Pharmacy Name: _____ Pharmacy Phone: _____

Horizon NJ Health
Mepolizumab (Nucala) or Benralizumab (Fasenra) – Medical Necessity Request
****Complete page 1 and 2 for New/Initial requests****

Diagnosis

Asthma

- a. What is the prescriber's specialty managing the medication?
 Allergy Pulmonology Other: _____
- b. Please indicate the severity of the asthma: mild moderate severe
- c. Does the member have asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:**
 - Is the member currently receiving high dosed inhaled corticosteroid or on oral corticosteroid? **Yes or No**
 - What is the blood eosinophil level while on high dosed inhaled corticosteroid or oral corticosteroid?
_____ Date Taken: _____ **Please submit lab documentation.*
- d. Has the member experienced >2 exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids within the past 12 months? **Yes or No**
- e. Has the member had serious asthma exacerbations requiring hospitalization, mechanical ventilation, or visit to the emergency room or urgent care within past 12 months? **Yes or No**
- f. Does the member have a baseline Forced Expiratory Volume (FEV1) that is less than 80% of the predicted after bronchodilator use? **Yes or No**
- g. Does the member's controlled asthma get worse when the dose of inhaled or systemic corticosteroids are tapered? **Yes or No**
- h. Has member received a medium-high dose inhaled corticosteroid? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:** Please provide drug name and strength _____
Directions _____
Dates filled within the past several months _____
 - **If No,** Can member try a medium-high dose inhaled corticosteroid instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No:**
 - Please provide clinical reason _____
 - Can the member try a low-dose inhaled corticosteroid instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No:** Please provide clinical reason why member cannot use any inhaled corticosteroids _____
- i. Has member received long-acting beta agonist (LABA) therapy? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes,** please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
 - **If No,** Can member try LABA therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No,** please provide clinical reason _____

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j. Has member received Leukotriene modifier (e.g., montelukast or zafirlukast)? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
- **If No**, Can member try Leukotriene modifier therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No**, please provide clinical reason _____

k. Has member received Long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA)? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
- **If No**, Can member try LAMA therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No**, please provide clinical reason _____

l. Has member received Theophylline? **Yes or No**

- **If yes**, please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
- **If No**, Can member try Theophylline therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No**, please provide clinical reason _____

m. Will the member continue to use standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), long-acting beta-2-agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), theophylline] with the requested drug?

Yes or No

- **If Yes**, please provide the name(s) of the standard asthma control therapy the member will be receiving:

n. Will the member be using any other biologic drug [e.g., omalizumab (Xolair), Reslizumab (Cinqair)] with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

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Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

- a. Is the medication managed by an allergist, pulmonologist, rheumatologist, or a prescriber with expertise in the disease? **Yes or No**
- b. Does the member currently have or has a history of asthma? **Yes or No**
- c. Does the member have Eosinophilia (defined as greater than 10% of the white blood cell differential count) or absolute eosinophil count of >1000 cells/mm³? **Yes or No**
- d. Please indicate if the member has any of the following (check all that apply): ****Please send documentation (such as copy of chart or lab data) confirming member's diagnosis.**
- Eosinophilic vasculitis, perivascular eosinophilic infiltration or eosinophil-rich granulomatous inflammation.
 - Mono- or Polyneuropathy
 - Nonfixed pulmonary infiltrates on X-Rays
 - Abnormality of paranasal sinuses
 - Cardiomyopathy
 - Glomerulonephritis
 - Alveolar hemorrhage
 - Palpable Purpura
 - Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic anti-body (ANCA) positive
- e. Has the member tried maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid treatment? **Yes or No**
- a. **If Yes**, did the member respond to treatment?
- Yes:**
 - No:** please let us know the specific reason for failure:

- b. **If No**, please let us know if the member could try oral corticosteroid treatment instead?
- Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - No:** Please provide the clinical reason why oral corticosteroid treatment cannot be tried.

- f. Will the member be using any other biologic drug with the requested drug? **Yes or No**
- **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

Other diagnosis: _____

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****Complete page 3 only for Subsequent/Renewal requests****

Diagnosis

Asthma

1. How has the member responded to therapy compared to baseline? (check all that apply):

- Reduction of the number of hospitalizations, need for mechanical ventilation, or visits to urgent care or emergency room due to asthma exacerbations
- Reduction in dose inhaled/oral corticosteroids required to control the patient's asthma
- Reduction in use of rescue medication
- Increase in pulmonary function tests (e.g., Forced Expiratory Volume from baseline)
- Decrease in symptoms and asthma exacerbations
- None of the above

- If None of the above, please provide any additional clinical information pertaining to the request.

2. Is the member currently being treated and has been compliant with standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids, long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), theophylline] for the past 90 days? **Yes or No**

If No, please provide specific reason(s):

3. Will the member continue to use standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), long-acting beta-2-agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), theophylline] with the requested drug?

Yes or No

If Yes, please provide the name(s) of the standard asthma control therapy the member will be receiving:

4. Will the member be using any other biologic drug [e.g., omalizumab (Xolair), Reslizumab (Cinqair)] with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

i. **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

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1. How has the member responded to therapy compared to baseline? (check all that apply)

- Reduction in corticosteroid and/or immunosuppressant doses
- Reduction in asthma symptoms
- Reduction in sinus symptoms
- Reduction in vasculitis
- Reduced number of hospitalizations or emergency room visits
- Improvement from baseline in forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1)
- Improvement in duration of remission or decrease in the rate of relapses
- None of the above

- **If None of the above**, please provide any additional clinical information pertaining to the request:

2. Will the member be using any other biologic drug with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

Other diagnosis: _____

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