



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Targeted Immune Modulators, Janus Kinase (JAK) Inhibitors PDL Edit
First Implementation Date:	January 22, 2004
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Criteria Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a state-specific preferred drug list.

Why Issue Selected: Janus kinase (JAK) is a cytoplasmic protein tyrosine kinase that is essential for signal transduction to the nucleus from common plasma membrane receptors for some interleukins. JAKs activate signal transducers and activators of transcriptions which regulate gene function and intracellular activity. Inhibiting the JAK enzymes will prevent cytokine or growth factor-mediated gene expression and intracellular activity thus decreasing immunological responses. All JAK inhibitors are available in an oral formulation and are classified as targeted synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (tsDMARDs). tsDMARDs may be an appropriate therapy choice in participants who do not prefer agents that have a subcutaneous or intravenous administration technique. These agents are most commonly used in participants with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis after DMARDs and a failure of at least two biologic agents. There are many JAK inhibitors marketed including Olumiant® (baricitinib), Rinvoq™ (upadactinib), Xeljanz® and Xeljanz® XR (tofacitinib). Tofacitinib can be used in combination with methotrexate or as monotherapy in participants with an inadequate response to methotrexate alone. Baricitinib is limited to use only in participants who have not responded to TNF inhibitor therapy. Upadactinib can be used as monotherapy or in combination with methotrexate or other non-biological DMARDs. Initiation of therapy should be avoided in those with an ANC < 1000 mm³, lymphocyte count < 500 μL, and/or a hemoglobin count of < 9 g/dL. The FDA does not recommend using JAK inhibitors with azathioprine or cyclosporine. Some common adverse effects include infections, nausea, and nasopharyngitis. A boxed warning for all JAK inhibitors is an increased risk of serious infection (tuberculosis) and malignancies (lymphoma). Baricitinib has an additional boxed warning for an increased risk of thrombosis.

Total program savings for the PDL classes will be regularly reviewed.

Program-Specific Information:	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xeljanz® 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olumiant® • Rinvoq™ • Xeljanz® XR

Type of Criteria: Increased risk of ADE
 Appropriate Indications

Preferred Drug List
 Clinical Edit

Data Sources: Only Administrative Databases

Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Targeted Immune Modulators, Janus Kinase (JAK) Inhibitors
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants aged 18 years or older

Approval Criteria

- **Participants aged 18 years or older AND**
- **Adequate therapeutic 6 month trial of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors defined as:**
 - **Combination therapy of 2 TNF inhibitors OR**
 - **Monotherapy of 1 TNF inhibitor AND**
- Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 1 preferred agent
 - Documented trial period of preferred agents **(6 months of therapy)**
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents **AND**
- **For Xeljanz XR: clinical consultant review for medical necessity AND**
- Documented diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis:
 - Adequate therapeutic trial of methotrexate **OR**
 - Contraindication to methotrexate therapy **OR**
- Documentation of appropriate diagnosis for requested agent:

Baricitinib	Olumiant®	• Rheumatoid arthritis
Tofacitinib	Xeljanz® Xeljanz® XR	• Psoriatic arthritis • Rheumatoid arthritis • Ulcerative colitis
Upadacitinib	Rinvoq™	• Rheumatoid arthritis

Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if no approval criteria are met

Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:
 MedWatch Form:

Progress Notes:
 Other:

Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List)
 Rule Type: PDL

Default Approval Period

1 year

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