



# SmartPA Criteria Proposal

<b>Drug/Drug Class:</b>	Targeted Immune Modulators, Select Agents PDL Edit
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## Executive Summary

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

**Why Issue Selected:** The targeted immune modulators select agents are a diverse group of agents with a range of indications focusing on immune response modulation. The agents in this class have indications for disease states such as systemic lupus erythematosus, lupus nephritis, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, and plaque psoriasis. The agents vary in both their molecular targets and mechanisms of action, with each agent achieving its immunosuppressive goal via different biological pathways. Agents in this class have mechanisms of action that are unique to other Targeted Immune Modulator PDL classes.

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

<b>Program-Specific Information:</b>	<b>Preferred Agents</b>	<b>Non-Preferred Agents</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Otezla®</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benlysta®</li><li>Entyvio®</li><li>Orencia®</li><li>Orencia® ClickJect™</li><li>Saphnelo™</li><li>Sotyktu™</li><li>Spevigo®</li></ul>

**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, Select Agents
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants aged 18 years or older unless otherwise indicated

## Approval Criteria

- Documented compliance on current therapy **OR**
- For treatment of Crohn's disease, polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or ulcerative colitis:
  - Adequate therapeutic 6 month trial of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor (trial defined as duration of therapy with class not agent) **AND**
  - For Entyvio for ulcerative colitis: adequate therapeutic 6 month trial of Xeljanz **OR**
  - For requests for non-preferred agents for plaque psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis:
    - Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 1 preferred agent
      - Documented trial period of preferred agent **OR**
      - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agent
- For Otezla for oral ulcers associated with Behcet's disease: adequate therapeutic trial of triamcinolone, tetracyclines or colchicine in past 30 days
- For Orencia for acute graft-versus-host disease: Clinical consultant review required
- **For Spevigo for generalized pustular psoriasis flares:**
  - **Diagnosis confirmed by:**
    - **Documented Generalized Pustular Psoriasis Physician Global Assessment (GPPPGA) total score of at least 3 (moderate) AND**
    - **Presence of fresh pustules (new appearance or worsening of pustules) AND**
    - **At least 5% of body surface area covered with erythema and the presence of pustules AND**
  - **Adequate therapeutic 6 month trial of tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor (trial defined as duration of therapy with class not agent)**
  - **Approval is for 1 month only**
- Documentation of appropriate diagnosis and participant age range for requested agent:

Biologic Agent	Brand	Indication
abatacept	Orencia® Orencia® ClickJect™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (aged 2 or older)</li> <li>• Acute graft-versus-host disease prophylaxis (aged 2 or older)*</li> <li>• Psoriatic arthritis</li> <li>• Rheumatoid arthritis</li> </ul>
anifrolumab-fnia	Saphnelo™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic lupus erythematosus*</li> </ul>
apremilast	Otezla®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral ulcers of Behcet's disease*</li> <li>• Plaque psoriasis</li> <li>• Psoriatic arthritis</li> </ul>
belimumab	Benlysta®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic lupus erythematosus (aged 5 or older)*</li> <li>• Lupus nephritis (aged 5 or older)*</li> </ul>
<b>deucravacitinib</b>	<b>Sotyktu™</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plaque psoriasis</b></li> </ul>
<b>spesolimab-sbzo</b>	<b>Spevigo®</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Generalized pustular psoriasis flares</b></li> </ul>
vedolizumab	Entyvio®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crohn's disease</li> <li>• Ulcerative colitis</li> </ul>

\*Approvable as first-line therapy without trial of TNF inhibitors

## Denial Criteria

- Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not 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

## References

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