

# Pharmacy Prior Authorization Form

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This form applies to:  **Commercial (Traditional)**     **Commercial (Individual/Optimized)**

**Medicaid**

This request is:  **Urgent (life threatening)**     **Non-Urgent (standard review)**

Urgent means the standard review time may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or the patient's ability to regain maximum function.

## Actemra<sup>®</sup> (tocilizumab)

### Member

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Product and Billing Information

New request     Continuation request

Drug product:     Actemra 20 mg/mL vial  
 Actemra 162 mg/0.9 mL syringe

**Start date** (or date of next dose): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of last dose** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of next dose** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Dose:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dose Frequency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient's weight:** \_\_\_\_\_

Administration:     Physician's Office  
 Outpatient Infusion

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home infusion

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing:     Physician Buy and Bill  
 Facility Buy and Bill  
 Specialty Pharmacy

Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

ICD-10 Code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTEMRA COVERAGE POLICY

- Before Actemra is covered, the patient must meet all of the General Criteria for Actemra and all of the Specific Criteria for the treatment diagnosis. If these criteria are not met, the prescriber must provide an explanation of why an exception to the criteria is necessary.
- Coverage for a diagnosis not listed below will be considered on a case by case basis. Please provide rationale for use and all pertinent patient information.
- Actemra will not be covered in combination with another biologic drug.
- Please provide rationale when requesting any dose or dosing interval not listed in the FDA label.

**Criteria**

**General Criteria for ALL Diagnoses:**

- a) Patient has evidence of a negative TB test result in the past 12 months (or TB is adequately managed); AND
- b) Prescriber is a specialist or has consulted with a specialist for the condition being treated.

**Specific Criteria for Individual Diagnoses:**

1. Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
  - a) Patient has tried methotrexate for a period of at least 3 months; AND
  - b) Patient has tried Humira for a period of at least 3 months; AND
2. Rheumatoid Arthritis
  - a) Patient has tried at least ONE conventional synthetic DMARD (such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine) for a period of at least 3 months.
3. Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
  - a) Patient has tried a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID);
4. Giant Cell Arteritis
  - a) Patient has tried one systemic corticosteroid.
5. Polymyalgia Rheumatica
  - a) Patient has tried one systemic corticosteroid; AND
  - b) Patient has evidence of large vessel vasculitis by angiography or imaging (e.g. MRI, PET/CT).
6. Cytokine Release Syndrome
  - a) Patient is experiencing a severe or life-threatening T-cell induced reaction, AND
  - b) The IV formulation of Actemra is being used for treatment, AND
  - c) A maximum of 4 doses is requested.

**Note:** Authorization for indications, dosing, or a route of administration not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or recognized in CMS-accepted compendia (e.g. DrugDex, AHFS, U.S. Pharmacopeia, and also Clinical Pharmacology for oncology indications only) require supporting evidence for coverage. Please provide two published peer-reviewed literature articles supporting the appropriateness of the drug, the dosing of the drug, or the route of administration to be used for the identified indication.

**Priority Health Precertification Documentation**

**A. What condition is this drug being requested for?**

- Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis
  - Giant cell arteritis
  - Polymyalgia rheumatica
  - Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)
  - Other – the patient’s condition is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

**Which of the following has the patient had a documented therapeutic trial with?**

- NSAID                      Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Methotrexate              Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Leflunomide                Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hydroxychloroquine      Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sulfasalazine              Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Enbrel                        Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Humira                        Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other                         Drug: \_\_\_\_\_                      Dates of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Has the patient had a negative TB test result in the past 12 months?**

- Yes                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- No, rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Will the patient be receiving other biologic therapy in combination with Actemra?**

No  Yes, rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Does the patient have moderate to severe heart failure?**

No  Yes, rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

**E. If Actemra is being requested to treatment Polymyalgia Rheumatica, documentation that the patient has evidence of large vessel vasculitis must be submitted to Priority Health.**