

**Medical prior authorization form**

Fax completed form to: 877.974.4411 toll free, or 616.942.8206

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.

**Rituxan<sup>®</sup>** (rituximab)

**Member**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requesting Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phys. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phys. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Product and Billing Information**

New Request     Continuation Request

Drug product:  Rituxan 10 mg/mL    Dose: \_\_\_\_\_ Dose Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of last dose: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of next dose: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of cycles requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Body Surface Area: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: BSA (m<sup>2</sup>) = ( [height(in) x weight (lbs)] / 3131 )<sup>½</sup>

Place of administration:  Physician's office  
 Outpatient infusion  
 Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home infusion  
 Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing:  Physician to buy and bill  
 Facility to buy and bill  
 Specialty Pharmacy  
 Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

ICD-10 Diagnosis code(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Precertification Requirements**

The following diagnoses are covered (additional criteria noted for each diagnosis, if applicable):

1. Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL)
2. Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
3. B-cell lymphoma
4. Chronic lymphoid leukemia (CLL)
5. Dermatomyositis
  - Must be refractory to standard therapy
6. Evans syndrome
  - Must have a therapeutic trial and clinical failure with immunosuppressive therapy
7. Grave's disease/ophthalmopathy
8. Graft versus host disease
9. Hodgkin's disease (CD20-positive)
10. Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)
  - Must meet one of the following:
    1. Patient did not respond to plasma exchange
    2. Patient developed worsening disease in spite of continuing plasma exchange with glucocorticoids
    3. Patient has relapsing disease
11. Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)
  - Must have previously untreated disease
12. Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)
  - Must be unable to take cyclophosphamide due to a medical reason
13. Multicentric Castleman's disease (MCD) associated with HHV-8 in HIV-infected patients
14. Pre-transplant to suppress panel reactive anti- HLA antibodies in individuals with high panel reactive antibody (PRA) levels to human leukocyte antigens (HLA)
15. Neuromyelitis optica
16. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)
17. Pemphigus vulgaris
  - Must have refractory disease when used after a therapeutic trial and clinical failure with immunosuppressive therapy
18. Polymyositis
  - Must be refractory to standard therapy
19. Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder
20. Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis
21. Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Must be used in combination with methotrexate; and
  - Must be used after a documented therapeutic trial and clinical failure with one DMARD and one self-injectable TNF antagonist (e.g. Enbrel, Humira)
22. Systemic lupus erythematosus
  - Must be refractory to immunosuppressive therapy in pediatric patients
23. Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia
24. (Wegener's) Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA)

**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**

What condition is this drug being requested for?

- Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL)
- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- B-cell lymphoma
- Chronic lymphoid leukemia (CLL)
- Dermatomyositis

Is the patient refractory to standard therapy?

- Yes. List therapies: \_\_\_\_\_
- No. Rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

Evans syndrome:  
**Did the patient try and fail with immunosuppressive therapy?**  
 Yes. **List therapies:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Grave's disease  
 Graft versus host disease  
 Hodgkin's disease (CD20-positive)  
 Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, **when one of the following criteria is met:**  
 Patient did not respond to plasma exchange  
 Patient developed worsening disease in spite of continuing plasma exchange plus glucocorticoids  
 Patient has relapsing disease

Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)  
**Does the patient have previously untreated disease?**  
 Yes.  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)  
**Is the patient unable to take cyclophosphamide for a medical reason?**  
 Yes. **Medical reason:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Multicentric Castleman's disease associated with HHV-8 in HIV-infected patients  
 Pre-transplant to suppress panel reactive anti- HLA antibodies  
 Neuromyelitis optica  
 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)  
 Pemphigus vulgaris  
**Does the patient have refractory disease?**  
 Yes.  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the patient tried and failed with immunosuppressive therapy?**  
 Yes. **List therapies:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Polymyositis  
**Has the patient failed standard therapy?**  
 Yes.  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder  
 Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis  
 Rheumatoid arthritis  
**Is rituximab being used in combination with methotrexate?**  
 Yes.  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the patient tried and failed with one DMARD?**  
 Yes. **List therapies:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Has the patient tried and failed with one self-injectable TNF antagonist?**  
 Yes. **List therapies:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

Systemic lupus erythematosus  
**Is the patient a pediatric patient?**  
 Yes.  
 No. **Rationale for use:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the patient refractory to immunosuppressive therapy?**

Yes. List therapies: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

- Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia  
 (Wegener's) Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA)  
 Other – rationale for use: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information**

**When authorized, approval will be limited to the dose and duration outlined below.**

Table 1. Dose and duration of authorization

Indication	Initial Authorization	Continuation Authorization
Rheumatoid arthritis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved for 2 doses</li> <li>Approved dosage is 1,000 mg IV given on days 1 and 15 (may be repeated 6 months later)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved for 12 months when the patient has responded to treatment, as determined by the prescriber</li> <li>Approved dose is 1,000 mg IV given on days 1 and 15, and repeated 6 months later.</li> </ul>
NHL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved for 12 months</li> <li>Approved dosage is 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV once weekly, or as prescribed</li> </ul>	
Autoimmune hemolytic anemia CLL GPA ITP MPA Neuromyelitis optica Pemphigus vulgaris Polymyositis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved dose is 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV once weekly for 4 weeks</li> </ul>	
MCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved dose is 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV once weekly for 4 weeks (up to 8 weeks, if requested)</li> </ul>	
MCL Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved dose based on combination therapy used, up to 6 cycles</li> </ul>	
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved dose is 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV given twice during each cycle for 4 cycles</li> </ul>	
RRMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved dosage is 1,000 mg IV given on days 1 and 15</li> </ul>	

Table 2. List of Disease Modifying Antirheumatic Drugs (DMARD's)

<u>GENERIC NAME</u>	<u>TRADE (BRAND) NAME</u>
azathioprine (oral) .....	Imuran™, [generics]
cyclosporine (oral) .....	Neoral™, Sandimmune™, [generics]
d-penicillamine (oral) .....	Cuprimine™, Depen™
gold compounds:	
gold sodium thiomalate (injection)...	Aurolate™
auranofin (oral) .....	Ridaura™
aurothioglucose (injection) .....	Solganal™
hydroxychloroquine (oral) .....	Plaquenil™, [generics]
leflunomide (oral) .....	Arava™, [generics]
methotrexate (injection, oral) .....	Rheumatrex™, [generics]
sulfasalazine (oral) .....	Azulfidine En-tabs™, Azulfidine™, [generics]