



Medical Policy:

Cimzia® (certolizumab pegol) Subcutaneous

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Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed

Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

Max Units (per dose and over time):

- **Plaque Psoriasis**
 - 400 billable units every other week
- **All Other Indications**
 - Loading Dose- 400 billable units on weeks 0, 2 and 4
 - Maintenance Dose- 400 billable units every 4 weeks

Guideline

I. Initial Approval Criteria

1. Patient has been evaluated and screened for the presence of latent TB infection prior to initiating treatment; **AND**
2. Patient has been evaluated and screened for the presence of hepatitis B virus (HBV) prior to initiating treatment; **AND**
3. Patient does not have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
4. Must not be administered concurrently with live vaccines; **AND**
5. Patient is not on concurrent treatment with another TNF-inhibitor, biologic response modifier or other non-biologic agent (i.e., apremilast, tofacitinib, baricitinib, upadacitinib); **AND**
6. Patient aged 18 years or older; **AND**
7. Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**

A. Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) †

- i. Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
- ii. Patient has had at least a 3 month trial and failed previous therapy with **ONE** oral disease modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, auranofin, hydroxychloroquine, penicillamine, sulfasalazine, or leflunomide; **AND**
- iii. Prescribed in combination with methotrexate unless contraindicated

B. Crohn's Disease (CD) †

- i. Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
- ii. Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum (3) month trial of corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g. azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate)

C. Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) †

- i. Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
 - a. For patients with predominantly axial disease **OR** active enthesitis, an adequate trial and failure of at least 4 week trial of **ONE** non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs), unless use is contraindicated; **OR**
 - b. For patients with peripheral arthritis, and/or dactylitis a trial and failure of at least a 3 month trial of **ONE** oral disease-modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, sulfasalazine, or hydroxychloroquine

D. Ankylosing Spondylitis

- i. Documented active disease; **AND**
- ii. Patient had an adequate trial and failure of at least **TWO** (2) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs), over 4 weeks (in total) unless use is contraindicated

E. Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) †

- i. Patient has objective signs of inflammation noted by an elevation of C-reactive protein (CRP) above the upper limit of normal and/or sacroiliitis on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); **AND**
- ii. Patient is without definitive radiographic evidence of structural damage on sacroiliac joints; **AND**

- iii. Patient has active disease as defined by a Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) ≥ 4 and spinal pain ≥ 4 on a 0 to 10 Numerical Rating Scale (NRS); **AND**
- iv. Patient had an adequate trial and failure of at least **TWO** non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs), unless use is contraindicated

F. Plaque Psoriasis †

- i. Patient has moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for at least 6 months with at least **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Involvement of at least 3% of body surface area (BSA); **OR**
 - b. Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score of 10 or greater; **OR**
 - c. Incapacitation or serious emotional consequences due to plaque location (i.e. head and neck, palms, soles or genitalia) or with intractable pruritis; **AND**
- ii. Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 4 week minimum trial of topical agents (i.e., anthralin, coal tar preparations, corticosteroids, emollients, immunosuppressives, keratolytics, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or vitamin D analogues); **AND**
- iii. Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 3 month minimum trial of at least **ONE** non-biologic systemic agent (i.e., immunosuppressives, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or methotrexate); **AND**
- iv. Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 3 month minimum trial of phototherapy (i.e., psoralens with UVA light (PUVA) or UVB with coal tar or dithranol); **AND**

**Note: Patients with body weight ≤ 90 kg should initiate therapy at the lower dosing regimen of 200 mg every other week plus loading doses.*

† FDA Approved Indication(s)

II. Renewal Criteria

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

1. Patient continues to meet criteria identified in section I; **AND**
2. Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. *Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: severe hypersensitivity reactions, serious infection, cardiotoxicity/heart failure, lupus-like syndrome, demyelinating disease, cytopenias, development of malignancies, Hepatitis B reactivation, etc.;* **AND**
3. Patient is receiving ongoing monitoring for presence of TB or other active infections; **AND**

A. Rheumatoid Arthritis

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as the number of tender and swollen joint counts, reduction of C-reactive protein, improvement of patient global assessment, and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. an improvement on a composite scoring index such as Disease Activity Score-28 (DAS28) of 1.2 points or more or a $\geq 20\%$ improvement on the American College of Rheumatology-20 (ACR20) criteria].

B. Crohn's Disease

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as endoscopic activity, number of liquid stools, presence and severity of abdominal pain, presence of abdominal mass, body weight compared to IBW, hematocrit, presence of extra intestinal complications, use of anti-diarrheal drugs, tapering of corticosteroids or discontinuation of corticosteroid therapy, and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. an improvement on the Crohn's Disease Activity Index (CDAI) score or the Harvey-Bradshaw Index score].

C. Psoriatic Arthritis

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as the number of tender and swollen joint counts and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. defined as an improvement in at least 2 of the 4 Psoriatic Arthritis Response Criteria (PsARC), 1 of which must be joint tenderness or swelling score, with no worsening in any of the 4 criteria.]

D. Ankylosing Spondylitis

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as total back pain, physical function, morning stiffness, and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g. ≥ 1.1 improvement on the Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Score (ASDAS) or an improvement of ≥ 2 on the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI)).

E. Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as total back pain, physical function, reduction of C-reactive protein, and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. ≥ 1.1 improvement on the Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Score (ASDAS), achievement of an ASDAS-Major Improvement (ASDAS-MI e.g. improvement of ≥ 2.0 is the ASDAS and/or reaching the lowest possible ASDAS), improvement of ≥ 2 on the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI)), improvement of the Ankylosing Spondylitis Quality of Life Questionnaire (ASQoL) score from baseline, or an ASAS40 response (defined as a $\geq 40\%$ improvement and an absolute improvement from baseline of ≥ 2 units in ≥ 3 of 4 domains without any worsening in the remaining domain)].

F. Plaque Psoriasis

- i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as redness, thickness, scaliness, and/or the amount of surface area involvement (a total BSA involvement $\leq 1\%$), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. a 75% reduction in the PASI score from when treatment started (PASI 75) or a 50% reduction in the PASI score (PASI 50) and a four-point reduction in the DLQI from when treatment started; **AND**
- ii. Dose escalation (up to the maximum dose and frequency specified below) may occur upon clinical review on a case by case basis provided that the patient has:
 - a. Shown an initial response to therapy; **AND**
 - b. Received the three loading doses at the dose and interval specified below; **AND**
 - c. Received a minimum of one maintenance dose at the dose and interval specified below; **AND**
 - d. Responded to therapy (by treatment week 6) with subsequent loss of response

Limitations/Exclusions

Cimzia is considered investigational when used for any indication not listed above.

Dosing and Administration

Indication	Dose
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Loading- 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4; then Maintenance- 200 mg subcutaneously, every other week, thereafter (or 400 mg every 4 weeks)
Crohn's Disease	Loading- 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4; then Maintenance- 400 mg, subcutaneously, every 4 weeks, thereafter
Psoriatic Arthritis	Loading- 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4; then Maintenance-200 mg, subcutaneously, every other week, thereafter (or 400 mg every 4 weeks)
Plaque Psoriasis	400 mg, subcutaneously, every other week Optional alternate dosing for patients with body weight ≤ 90 kg – Loading: 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4 – Maintenance: 200 mg, subcutaneously, every other week thereafter
Ankylosing Spondylitis	Loading- 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4; then Maintenance- 200 mg, subcutaneously, every other week, thereafter (or 400 mg every 4 weeks)
Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis	Loading- 400 mg, subcutaneously, at weeks 0, 2 and 4; then Maintenance-200 mg, subcutaneously, every other week, thereafter (or 400 mg every 4 weeks)

*Note: 400 mg doses are given as 2 subcutaneous injections of 200 mg each

Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
J0717*	Injection, certolizumab pegol, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1mg

*Code may be used for medicare when drug is administered under the direct supervision of a physician; not to be used when drug is self-administered

Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
50474-0700-xx	Cimzia 400 mg Kit-powder for injection; Single Dose Vial
50474-0710-xx	Cimzia 200 mg prefilled syringe and Starter Kit; Single Dose Vial

ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
K50.00	Crohn's disease of small intestine without complications
K50.011	Crohn's disease of small intestine with rectal bleeding
K50.012	Crohn's disease of small intestine with intestinal obstruction
K50.013	Crohn's disease of small intestine with fistula
K50.014	Crohn's disease of small intestine with abscess
K50.018	Crohn's disease of small intestine with other complication
K50.019	Crohn's disease of small intestine with unspecified complications

K50.10	Crohn's disease of large intestine without complications
K50.111	Crohn's disease of large intestine with rectal bleeding
K50.112	Crohn's disease of large intestine with intestinal obstruction
K50.113	Crohn's disease of large intestine with fistula
K50.114	Crohn's disease of large intestine with abscess
K50.118	Crohn's disease of large intestine with other complication
K50.119	Crohn's disease of large intestine with unspecified complications
K50.80	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine without complications
K50.811	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with rectal bleeding
K50.812	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with intestinal obstruction
K50.813	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with fistula
K50.814	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with abscess
K50.818	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with other complication
K50.819	Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with unspecified complications
K50.90	Crohn's disease, unspecified, without complications
K50.911	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with rectal bleeding
K50.912	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with intestinal obstruction
K50.913	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with fistula
K50.914	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with abscess
K50.918	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with other complication
K50.919	Crohn's disease, unspecified, with unspecified complications
L40.0	Psoriasis vulgaris
L40.50	Arthropathic psoriasis, unspecified
L40.51	Distal interphalangeal psoriatic arthropathy
L40.52	Psoriatic arthritis mutilans
L40.53	Psoriatic spondylitis
L40.59	Other psoriatic arthropathy
M05.10	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site
M05.111	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder
M05.112	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder
M05.119	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder
M05.121	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow
M05.122	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow
M05.129	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow
M05.131	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist
M05.132	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist
M05.139	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist
M05.141	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right hand
M05.142	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left hand
M05.149	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand
M05.151	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right hip
M05.152	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left hip
M05.159	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip
M05.161	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right knee
M05.162	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left knee
M05.169	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee

M05.171	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot
M05.172	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot
M05.179	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.19	Rheumatoid lung disease with rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites
M05.20	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site
M05.211	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder
M05.212	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder
M05.219	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder
M05.221	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow
M05.222	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow
M05.229	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow
M05.231	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist
M05.232	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist
M05.239	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist
M05.241	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right hand
M05.242	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left hand
M05.249	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand
M05.251	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right hip
M05.252	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left hip
M05.259	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip
M05.261	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right knee
M05.262	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left knee
M05.269	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee
M05.271	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot
M05.272	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot
M05.279	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.29	Rheumatoid vasculitis with rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites
M05.30	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site
M05.311	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder
M05.312	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder
M05.319	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder
M05.321	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow
M05.322	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow
M05.329	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow
M05.331	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist
M05.332	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist
M05.339	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist
M05.341	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right hand
M05.342	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left hand
M05.349	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand
M05.351	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right hip
M05.352	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left hip
M05.359	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip
M05.361	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right knee
M05.362	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left knee
M05.369	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee

M05.371	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot
M05.372	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot
M05.379	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.39	Rheumatoid heart disease with rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites
M05.40	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site
M05.411	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder
M05.412	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder
M05.419	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder
M05.421	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow
M05.422	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow
M05.429	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow
M05.431	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist
M05.432	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist
M05.439	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist
M05.441	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right hand
M05.442	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left hand
M05.449	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand
M05.451	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right hip
M05.452	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left hip
M05.459	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip
M05.461	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right knee
M05.462	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left knee
M05.469	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee
M05.471	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot
M05.472	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot
M05.479	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.49	Rheumatoid myopathy with rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites
M05.50	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site
M05.511	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder
M05.512	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder
M05.519	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder
M05.521	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow
M05.522	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow
M05.529	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow
M05.531	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist
M05.532	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist
M05.539	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist
M05.541	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right hand
M05.542	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left hand
M05.549	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand
M05.551	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right hip
M05.552	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left hip
M05.559	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip
M05.561	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right knee
M05.562	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left knee
M05.569	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee

M05.571	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot
M05.572	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot
M05.579	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.59	Rheumatoid polyneuropathy with rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites
M05.60	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified site with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.611	Rheumatoid arthritis of right shoulder with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.612	Rheumatoid arthritis of left shoulder with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.619	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified shoulder with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.621	Rheumatoid arthritis of right elbow with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.622	Rheumatoid arthritis of left elbow with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.629	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified elbow with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.631	Rheumatoid arthritis of right wrist with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.632	Rheumatoid arthritis of left wrist with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.639	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified wrist with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.641	Rheumatoid arthritis of right hand with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.642	Rheumatoid arthritis of left hand with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.649	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hand with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.651	Rheumatoid arthritis of right hip with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.652	Rheumatoid arthritis of left hip with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.659	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified hip with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.661	Rheumatoid arthritis of right knee with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.662	Rheumatoid arthritis of left knee with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.669	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified knee with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.671	Rheumatoid arthritis of right ankle and foot with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.672	Rheumatoid arthritis of left ankle and foot with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.679	Rheumatoid arthritis of unspecified ankle and foot with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.69	Rheumatoid arthritis of multiple sites with involvement of other organs and systems
M05.70	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified site without organ or systems involvement
M05.711	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right shoulder without organ or systems involvement
M05.712	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left shoulder without organ or systems involvement
M05.719	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified shoulder without organ or systems involvement
M05.721	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right elbow without organ or systems involvement
M05.722	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left elbow without organ or systems involvement
M05.729	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified elbow without organ or systems involvement
M05.731	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right wrist without organ or systems involvement
M05.732	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left wrist without organ or systems involvement
M05.739	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified wrist without organ or systems involvement
M05.741	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right hand without organ or systems involvement
M05.742	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left hand without organ or systems involvement
M05.749	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified hand without organ or systems involvement
M05.751	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right hip without organ or systems involvement
M05.752	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left hip without organ or systems involvement
M05.759	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified hip without organ or systems involvement
M05.761	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right knee without organ or systems involvement
M05.762	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left knee without organ or systems involvement
M05.769	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified knee without organ or systems involvement

M05.771	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right ankle and foot without organ or systems involvement
M05.772	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left ankle and foot without organ or systems involvement
M05.779	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified ankle and foot without organ or systems involvement
M05.79	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of multiple sites without organ or systems involvement
M05.80	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified site
M05.811	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right shoulder
M05.812	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left shoulder
M05.819	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified shoulder
M05.821	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right elbow
M05.822	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left elbow
M05.829	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified elbow
M05.831	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right wrist
M05.832	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left wrist
M05.839	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified wrist
M05.841	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right hand
M05.842	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left hand
M05.849	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified hand
M05.851	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right hip
M05.852	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left hip
M05.859	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified hip
M05.861	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right knee
M05.862	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left knee
M05.869	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified knee
M05.871	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of right ankle and foot
M05.872	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of left ankle and foot
M05.879	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of unspecified ankle and foot
M05.89	Other rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor of multiple sites
M05.9	Rheumatoid arthritis with rheumatoid factor, unspecified
M06.00	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified site
M06.011	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right shoulder
M06.012	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left shoulder
M06.019	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified shoulder
M06.021	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right elbow
M06.022	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left elbow
M06.029	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified elbow
M06.031	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right wrist
M06.032	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left wrist
M06.039	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified wrist
M06.041	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right hand
M06.042	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left hand
M06.049	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified hand
M06.051	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right hip
M06.052	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left hip
M06.059	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified hip
M06.061	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right knee
M06.062	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left knee

M06.069	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified knee
M06.071	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, right ankle and foot
M06.072	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, left ankle and foot
M06.079	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, unspecified ankle and foot
M06.08	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, vertebrae
M06.09	Rheumatoid arthritis without rheumatoid factor, multiple sites
M06.80	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified site
M06.811	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right shoulder
M06.812	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left shoulder
M06.819	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified shoulder
M06.821	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right elbow
M06.822	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left elbow
M06.829	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified elbow
M06.831	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right wrist
M06.832	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left wrist
M06.839	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified wrist
M06.841	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right hand
M06.842	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left hand
M06.849	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified hand
M06.851	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right hip
M06.852	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left hip
M06.859	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified hip
M06.861	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right knee
M06.862	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left knee
M06.869	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified knee
M06.871	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, right ankle and foot
M06.872	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, left ankle and foot
M06.879	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified ankle and foot
M06.88	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, vertebrae
M06.89	Other specified rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sites
M06.9	Rheumatoid arthritis, unspecified
M45.0	Ankylosing spondylitis of multiple sites in spine
M45.1	Ankylosing spondylitis of occipito-atlanto-axial region
M45.2	Ankylosing spondylitis of cervical region
M45.3	Ankylosing spondylitis of cervicothoracic region
M45.4	Ankylosing spondylitis of thoracic region
M45.5	Ankylosing spondylitis of thoracolumbar region
M45.6	Ankylosing spondylitis lumbar region
M45.7	Ankylosing spondylitis of lumbosacral region
M45.8	Ankylosing spondylitis sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M45.9	Ankylosing spondylitis of unspecified sites in spine
M46.81	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, occipito-atlanto-axial region
M46.82	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, cervical region
M46.83	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, cervicothoracic region
M46.84	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, thoracic region
M46.85	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, thoracolumbar region

M46.86	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, lumbar region
M46.87	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, lumbosacral region
M46.88	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M46.89	Other specified inflammatory spondylopathies, multiple sites in spine
M45.A0	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of unspecified sites in spine
M45.A1	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of occipito- atlanto- axial region
M45.A2	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of cervical region
M45.A3	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of cervicothoracic region
M45.A4	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of thoracic region
M45.A5	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of thoracolumbar region
M45.A6	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of lumbar region
M45.A7	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of lumbosacral region
M45.A8	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of sacral and sacrococcygeal region
M45.AB	Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis of multiple sites in spine

Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	3/22/2024	Annual Review: Removed PI link, added dosing chart
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	08/18/2023	<p>Annual Review:</p> <p><u>Length of Authorization:</u> Updated from 12 months to “6 months”</p> <p><u>Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) Initial Criteria:</u></p> <p>Removed “and/or dactylitis” and “TWO” from the following: “For patients with predominantly axial disease OR active enthesitis and/or dactylitis, an adequate trial and failure of at least TWO (2) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs), unless use is contraindicated; OR” and Replaced “TWO” with “4 week trial of ONE”</p> <p>Added “and/or dactylitis “ to the following: “For patients with peripheral arthritis, a trial and failure of at least a 3 month trial of ONE oral disease-modifying anti-rheumatic agent (DMARD) such as methotrexate, azathioprine, sulfasalazine, or hydroxychloroquine”</p> <p>Removed “and Nonradiographic Axial spondyloarthritis †” from “<u>Ankylosing Spondylitis and Nonradiographic Axial spondyloarthritis</u>” Initial criteria and separated into two indications</p> <p>Added <u>Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) Indication and Initial Criteria</u></p> <p><u>Plaque Psoriasis † Initial Criteria:</u></p> <p>Updated “10% “ to “3%” In the following statement: “Involvement of at least 10% of body surface area (BSA); OR”</p> <p>Added “or serious emotional consequences” and “or with intractable pruritis; “ to the following statement: “Incapacitation or serious emotional consequences due to plaque location (i.e. head and neck, palms, soles or genitalia) or with intractable pruritis; AND”</p> <p>Removed “3 month minimum” and replaced with “4 week minimum” in the following statement: “Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 3 month minimum trial of topical agents (i.e., anthralin, coal tar preparations, corticosteroids, emollients, immunosuppressives, keratolytics, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or vitamin D analogues); AND”</p> <p>Added “non-biologic” to the following statement: “Patient did not respond</p>

		adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 3 month minimum trial of at least ONE non-biologic systemic agent (i.e., immunosuppressives, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or methotrexate);” Renewal Criteria: Removed “and Nonradiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis from “ <u>Ankylosing Spondylitis and Nonradiographic Axial spondyloarthritis</u> ” Indication Added “ <u>Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis</u> i. Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as total back pain, physical function, reduction of C-reactive protein, and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. ≥ 1.1 improvement on the Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Score (ASDAS), achievement of an ASDAS-Major Improvement (ASDAS-MI e.g. improvement of ≥ 2.0 is the ASDAS and/or reaching the lowest possible ASDAS), improvement of ≥ 2 on the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI)), improvement of the Ankylosing Spondylitis Quality of Life Questionnaire (ASQoL) score from baseline, or an ASAS40 response (defined as a $\geq 40\%$ improvement and an absolute improvement from baseline of ≥ 2 units in ≥ 3 of 4 domains without any worsening in the remaining domain)].”
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	4/06/2022	Transferred policy to new template
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	10/4/2021	Added 10 new ICD-10 codes for Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	7/22/2019	Added new indication Axial spondyloarthritis, nonradiographic and applicable dx codes M46.81 – M46.89

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