

Clinical Policy Title:	infliximab-dyyb
Policy Number:	RxA.737
Drug(s) Applied:	Inflectra®
Original Policy Date:	04/18/2022
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Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business (except Medicare)

Criteria

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Ankylosing Spondylitis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis (AS);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Trial and failure of at least two (2) non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) , each used for at ≥ 4 weeks unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

B. Crohn's Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's Disease (CD);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine [6-MP], methotrexate [MTX]) , unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
 - b. Trial and failure of corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone, budesonide), unless contraindicated or significant adverse effects experienced.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

C. Plaque Psoriasis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic-severe Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) as evidenced by involvement of one of the following (a or b):
 - a. ≥ 3% of total body surface area;
 - b. Hands, feet, scalp, face, or genital area;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or a rheumatologist;
3. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy (methotrexate [MTX], cyclosporin, acitretin) or phototherapy (psoralen plus ultraviolet A light [PUVA]) unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 month

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D. Psoriatic Arthritis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or a rheumatologist;

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

E. Rheumatoid Arthritis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist;
3. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy (methotrexate [MTX], sulfasalazine, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine) , unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.

Approval Duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

F. Ulcerative Colitis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe Ulcerative Colitis (UC);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional therapy (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or an aminosalicylate (e.g., sulfasalazine, mesalamine)) , unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
 - b. Trial and failure of corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone, budesonide), unless contraindicated or significant adverse effects experienced.

Approval duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

Member is currently receiving or has been treated with this medication within the past 90 days, excluding manufacturer samples. **Approval Duration**

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

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Review/Revision History	Review/Revision Date	P&T Approval Date
RxA.592.Bilogic_DMARDs was last reviewed and updated on 01/05/2022 and archived on 04/18/2022. For details, please refer to RxA.592.Bilogics_DMARDs.	01/05/2022	04/18/2022
Drug specific policy for Inflectra® was created based on RxA.592.Bilogics_DMARDs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Approval Criteria, 1.C.4: Updated trial and failure criteria to rephrase and include phototherapy (psoralen plus ultraviolet A light [PUVA]). References were reviewed and updated. 	02/10/2022	4/18/2022
Policy was reviewed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Approval Criteria, I.C.1: Updated diagnostic criteria from Diagnosis of Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) to Diagnosis of chronic-severe Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) as evidenced by involvement of one of the following (a or b): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 10% of total body surface area; Hands, feet, scalp, face, or genital area; Initial Approval Criteria, I.F.4: Updated to include new documentation criteria, Documentation of a Mayo Score ≥ 6. References were reviewed and updated. 	03/27/2023	04/13/2023
Policy was reviewed.	10/19/2023	10/19/2023
Policy was reviewed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I.A.4: Removed at up to maximally indicated doses I.A.5: Removed dosing I.B.1. Specified moderate to severe per FDA approved indications (Micromedex) I.B.4a: Removed at up to maximally indicated doses I.B.4b: Removed exception of using a DMARD I.B.5. Removed dosing I.C.4: Removed at up to maximally indicated doses. Removed exception of using a DMARD. I.C.5. Removed dosing I.D.4: Removed dosing I.E.1. Specified moderate to severe per FDA approved indications (Micromedex) 	04/02/2024	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">11. I.E.4: Removed at up to maximally indicated doses. Removed exception of using a DMARD.12. I.E.5. Removed dosing13. I.F.1. Specified moderate to severe per FDA approved indications (Micromedex)14. I.F.5: Edited criteria to include use of conventional therapy or corticosteroid. Removed exception of using a DMARD.15. I.E.6. Removed dosing16. II.A. Revised continuation of therapy criteria. Removed dosing and positive response to therapy.17. Removed age under all indications		
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