

Market Applicability							
Market	DC	GA	KY	MD	NJ	NY	WA
Applicable	X	X	X	X	X	X	NA

Tremfya (guselkumab)

Override(s)	Approval Duration
Prior Authorization Quantity Limit	1 year

Medications	Quantity Limit
Tremfya (guselkumab)	1 injection per 56 days (8 weeks)*

*Initiation of therapy for Plaque Psoriasis (Ps) (Psoriasis Vulgaris): May approve up to 1 additional injection (100 mg) in the first 28 days (4 weeks) of treatment.

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Requests for Tremfya (guselkumab) may be approved for the following:

- I. Plaque psoriasis (Ps) (Psoriasis vulgaris) when each of the following criteria are met:
 - A. Individual is 18 years of age or older with chronic moderate to severe (that is, extensive or disabling) plaque Ps (psoriasis vulgaris) with either of the following (AAD 2019):
 1. Plaque Ps (psoriasis vulgaris) involving greater than three percent (3%) body surface area (BSA); **OR**
 2. Plaque Ps (psoriasis vulgaris) involving less than or equal to three percent (3%) BSA involving sensitive areas or areas that significantly impact daily function (such as palms, soles of feet, head/neck, or genitalia);

AND

- B. Individual has had an inadequate response to, is intolerant of, or has a contraindication to phototherapy or other systemic therapy (such as acitretin, cyclosporine, or methotrexate);

AND

- C. Individual has had a trial (medication samples/coupons/discount cards are excluded from consideration as a trial) and inadequate response or intolerance to TWO (2) preferred biologic agents. [Current preferred biologics include – Cosentyx (secukinumab), Enbrel (etanercept), Humira (adalimumab)] unless the following criteria is met:
 1. Individual has been receiving and is maintained on a stable dose of Tremfya (guselkumab); **OR**
 2. The preferred agents are not acceptable due to concomitant clinical conditions, including but not limited to any of the following:

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- a. Known hypersensitivity to any active or inactive component which is not also associated with the Tremfya (guselkumab); **OR**
- b. Pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant; **OR**
- c. Serious infections or concurrent sepsis.

Requests for Tremfya (guselkumab) may **not** be approved for the following:

- I. All other indications not indicated above; **OR**
- II. In combination with JAK inhibitors, apremilast, or other biologic drugs or phototherapy; **OR**
- III. Tuberculosis, other active serious infections, or a history of recurrent infections; **OR**
- IV. Individual has not had a tuberculin skin test (TST) or a Centers for Disease Control (CDC-) and Prevention -recommended equivalent test to evaluate for latent tuberculosis prior to initiating guselkumab.

Key References:

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This policy does not apply to health plans or member categories that do not have pharmacy benefits, nor does it apply to Medicare. Note that market specific restrictions or transition-of-care benefit limitations may apply.