

## Ustekinumab:

**Stelara®; Wezlana™; Selarsdi™; Pyzchiva®; Otulfi™; Imuldosa®;  
Yesintek™; Steqeyma®; Ustekinumab-aekn<sup>§</sup>**  
(Intravenous/Subcutaneous)

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### I. Length of Authorization <sup>1-8,43-51</sup>

#### **Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis:**

Initial coverage will be provided for 8 weeks and may be renewed annually thereafter.

- Dose escalation requests for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis: will be provided for 3 months with continued renewal annually thereafter (*See Section V for continuation details*).

#### **Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Diarrhea/Colitis:**

Coverage will be provided for a one-time intravenous induction dose plus up to 3 subcutaneous maintenance doses and may not be renewed.

#### **All other indications:**

Initial coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed annually thereafter.

### II. Dosing Limits

**Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:**

Indication	Max Units
Plaque Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis with co-existent moderate-severe Plaque Psoriasis	<u>Subcutaneous Loading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 billable units (90 mg) at weeks 0 &amp; 4; maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 billable units (90 mg) every 12 weeks</li> </ul>
Psoriatic Arthritis	<u>Subcutaneous Loading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 billable units (45mg) at weeks 0 &amp; 4; maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 billable units (45 mg) every 12 weeks</li> </ul>

Indication	Max Units
Crohn's Disease & Ulcerative Colitis	<u>Intravenous Induction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>520 billable units (520 mg) x 1 dose</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) 8 weeks after induction &amp; every 4 weeks thereafter</li> </ul>
Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Diarrhea/Colitis	<u>Intravenous Induction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>520 billable units (520 mg) x 1 dose</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) 8 weeks after induction &amp; every 8 weeks thereafter x 3 doses</li> </ul>

### III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1-8</sup>

Site of care specialty infusion program requirements are met (refer to [EOCCO Site of Care policy](#)).

Self-administered injectable medications are not covered when supplied in a provider's office, clinic or facility.

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age (unless otherwise specified); **AND**
- Patient is up to date with all age-appropriate vaccinations, in accordance with current vaccination guidelines, prior to initiating therapy; **AND**

#### Universal Criteria

- Patient has been evaluated and screened for the presence of latent tuberculosis (TB) infection prior to initiating treatment and will receive ongoing monitoring for presence of TB during treatment; **AND**
- Patient does not have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient will not receive live vaccines during therapy; **AND**
- Patient is not on concurrent treatment with another biologic therapy (e.g. IL-inhibitor, TNF-inhibitor, integrin receptor antagonist, T cell costimulation modulator, etc.) or targeted synthetic therapy (e.g., apremilast, abrocitinib, tofacitinib, baricitinib, upadacitinib, deucravacitinib, ritlecitinib, ruxolitinib, etrasimod, ozanimod, etc.); **AND**

#### Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) † <sup>1-8,37,52-56</sup>

##### For Commercial Members Only

- Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars\*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); **OR**

- If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; **OR**
- Patient is continuing treatment

*\*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz*

#### **For Medicaid Members Only**

- Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars\*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); **OR**
- If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; **OR**
- Patient is continuing treatment

*\*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz*

- Patient is at least 6 years of age; **AND**
- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for at least 6 months with at least one of the following:
  - Involvement of at least 3% of body surface area (BSA); **OR**
  - Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score of 10 or greater; **OR**
  - Incapacitation or serious emotional consequences due to plaque location (e.g., hands, feet, head and neck, genitalia, etc.) or with intractable pruritis; **AND**
- Patient meets ALL of the following ✕:
  - 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, roflumilast, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or vitamin D analogues); **AND**
  - 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**
  - 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)

✕ *Note: For patients already established on biologic therapy, targeted synthetic therapy, or those with > 10% BSA involvement, trial and failure of topical agents, non-biologic systemic agents, and phototherapy is not required.*

## Adult Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) † 1-8,16,57,67

For Commercial Members Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul>
<i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>
For Medicaid Members Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul>
<i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
  - For patients with predominantly axial disease OR enthesitis, a failure of at least a 4-week trial of ONE non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), unless use is contraindicated; **OR**
  - For patients with peripheral arthritis OR dactylitis, a failure of at least a 3 month trial of ONE conventional synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (csDMARD) (e.g., methotrexate, azathioprine, sulfasalazine, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, etc.); **OR**
  - Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of PsA

## Juvenile Psoriatic Arthritis (JPsA) † 1-8,58,59

For Commercial Members Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul>
<i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>

#### For Medicaid Members Only

- Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars\*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); **OR**
- If the request is for Wezlana, Selarsdi, Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Yesintek, Ustekinumab-aekn or any other Stelara biosimilar, patient must try and have had an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to Stelara; **OR**
- Patient is continuing treatment

*\*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz*

- Patient is at least 6 years of age; **AND**
- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active polyarticular disease; **AND**
- May be used as a single agent or in combination with methotrexate; **AND**
  - Patient has had at least a 1-month trial and failure (unless contraindicated or intolerant) of previous therapy with either oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) OR conventional synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (csDMARDs) (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, etc.); **OR**
  - Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of JPsA

#### Crohn's Disease † 1-8,25,31,69,72

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severely active disease; **AND**
  - 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); **OR**
  - Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum (3) month trial of a TNF modifier (e.g., adalimumab, certolizumab, or infliximab); **OR**
  - Patient has evidence of high-risk disease for which corticosteroids or immunomodulators are inadequate and biologic therapy is necessary; **OR**
  - Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of CD

#### Ulcerative Colitis † 1-8,26,64,73

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
  - Documented failure or ineffective response to a minimum 3-month trial of conventional therapy [aminosalicylates, corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, etc.) at maximum tolerated doses, unless there is a contraindication or intolerance to use; **OR**
  - Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum 3-month trial of a TNF modifier such as adalimumab, golimumab, or infliximab; **OR**
  - Patient is already established on a biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of UC

#### **Management of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Diarrhea/Colitis ‡<sup>42,43</sup>**

- Patient has been receiving therapy with an immune checkpoint inhibitor (e.g., nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, avelumab, durvalumab, cemiplimab, ipilimumab, tremelimumab, dostarlimab, retifanlimab, nivolumab/relatlimab, tislelizumab, toripalimab, etc.); **AND**
  - Patient has diarrhea or colitis that is refractory to infliximab and/or vedolizumab; **AND**  
Patient has mild (G1) diarrhea or colitis with persistent or progressive symptoms and is lactoferrin/calprotectin positive; **OR**  
Patient has moderate (G2) to severe (G3-4) diarrhea or colitis

#### **\*\*\*Examples of contraindications to phototherapy (PUVA or UVB) include the following: 38,39,56**

- Xeroderma pigmentosum
- Other rare photosensitive genodermatoses (e.g., trichothiodystrophy, Cockayne syndrome, Bloom syndrome, Rothmund-Thomson syndrome) (*UVB only*)
- Genetic disorders associated with increased risk of skin cancer (e.g., Gorlin syndrome, oculocutaneous albinism) (*UVB only*)
- Pregnancy or lactation (*PUVA only*)
- Lupus Erythematosus
- History of one of the following: photosensitivity diseases (e.g., chronic actinic dermatitis, solar urticaria), melanoma, non-melanoma skin cancer, extensive solar damage (*PUVA only*), treatment with arsenic or ionizing radiation
- Immunosuppression in an organ transplant patient (*UVB only*)
- Photosensitizing medications (*PUVA only*)
- Severe liver, renal, or cardiac disease (*PUVA only*)
- Young age < 12 years old (*PUVA only*)
- Anatomical location has been deemed ineligible for phototherapy (i.e., face, genital, scalp, or nail)

**Note:** Patients who do not have access to phototherapy will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Φ Orphan Drug

## IV. Renewal Criteria<sup>1-8</sup>

Coverage may be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria identified in section III; **AND**
- Duration of authorization has not been exceeded (*refer to Section I*); **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: serious infections, malignancy, severe hypersensitivity reactions, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES) or reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome (RPLS), non-infectious pneumonia, etc.; **AND**

### **Plaque Psoriasis (PsO)**<sup>52,56,60,65,66</sup>

- 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., Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score  $\leq 3$ , physician's global assessment (PGA) score  $\leq 1$ , etc.].

### **Adult Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)**<sup>22,61,68</sup>

- 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, improvement on imaging (X-ray, ultrasound, or MRI), 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].

### **Juvenile Psoriatic Arthritis (JPsA)**<sup>62,63,68</sup>

- 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, improvement on imaging (X-ray, ultrasound, or MRI), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. an improvement on a composite scoring index such as Juvenile Arthritis Disease Activity Score (JADAS) or the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Pediatric (ACR-Pedi 30) of at least 30% improvement from baseline in three of six variables].

### **Crohn's Disease**<sup>41,70,71</sup>

- 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 regain, hematocrit, presence of extra intestinal

complications, use of anti-diarrheal drugs, tapering or discontinuation of corticosteroid therapy, improvement in biomarker levels [i.e., fecal calprotectin or serum C-reactive protein (CRP)], and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Harvey-Bradshaw Index score, etc.).

#### Ulcerative Colitis <sup>26-30,74</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as stool frequency, rectal bleeding, endoscopic activity, tapering or discontinuation of corticosteroid therapy, normalization of C-reactive protein (CRP) or fecal calprotectin (FC), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool.

## V. Dosage/Administration <sup>1-8,42-51</sup>

Indication	Dose
Plaque Psoriasis	<u>Adult Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤100 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Adult Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤100 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>
	<u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later (<b>NOTE:</b> <i>This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara, Wezlana, and Yesintek</i>)</li> <li>• 60 – 100 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg every 12 weeks (<b>NOTE:</b> <i>This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara, Wezlana, and Yesintek</i>)</li> <li>• 60 – 100 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>
	<u>Adult Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Adult Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>• Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>
Psoriatic Arthritis	<u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later (<b>NOTE:</b> <i>This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara, Wezlana, and Yesintek</i>)</li> </ul>



Indication	Dose
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥60 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <p><u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg every 12 weeks (<b>NOTE: This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara, Wezlana, and Yesintek</b>)</li> <li>• ≥60 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>• Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>
Crohn's Disease & Ulcerative Colitis/ Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Diarrhea/Colitis	<p><u>Intravenous Induction Dose (one-time only):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤ 55 kg: 260 mg</li> <li>• &gt; 55 kg to 85 kg: 390 mg</li> <li>• &gt; 85 kg: 520 mg</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 mg given 8 weeks after the initial IV dose, then every 8 weeks thereafter</li> </ul> <p>(Note Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Toxicity: Administer a one-time IV induction dose plus up to 3 subcutaneous maintenance doses only)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crohn's Disease &amp; Ulcerative Colitis dose escalation<sup>44-51</sup> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shown an initial response to therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Received the initial intravenous loading dose as specified above; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Received a minimum of one subcutaneous maintenance dose as specified above; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Responded to therapy (by treatment week 16*) with subsequent loss of response; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Dose escalation must not exceed the following limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 90 mg subcutaneously every 4 weeks (certain patients may benefit from a smaller reduction in interval if they become symptomatic 5, 6, or 7 weeks after the prior administration) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coverage will be provided for 3 months with continued approval (as specified in Sections I &amp; IV) contingent upon demonstration of clinical improvement and ustekinumab levels (if available)** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who do not regain response at a 4-week interval should discontinue therapy</li> <li>• Patients who are responding to therapy may continue with their current dosing**</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>*Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for dose escalation prior to week 16 will be evaluated considering the patient's clinical picture regarding severity of inflammation, factors which may result in subtherapeutic response to standard dosing (e.g., hypoalbuminemia, prior TNF-I failure), timing of response and breakthrough/loss of response, presence of perianal fistula; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• ustekinumab trough (if available)** is &lt;4.5 micrograms/mL</li> </ul>	
<p><b>**ustekinumab trough levels must be obtained (if this is a covered test under the benefit).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who are well-controlled with a trough &gt;4.5 micrograms/mL may be candidates to increase the interval between administrations from 4 weeks to 6 weeks. Response should be assessed after 3 months at this every 6-</li> </ul>	

Indication	Dose
	<p>week interval. Those patients demonstrating loss of response may decrease the interval back to 90 mg subcutaneously every 4 weeks.</p> <p>Patients whose trough is &lt;4.5 micrograms/mL are candidates to decrease the interval between administrations from 8 weeks to as frequently as 4 weeks. Some patients may benefit from one additional IV loading dose in conjunction with this more frequent maintenance dosing interval.</p>

## VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

### HCPCS Code(s):

- J3357 – Ustekinumab, for subcutaneous injection, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Stelara SQ Only)
- J3358 – Ustekinumab, for intravenous injection, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Stelara IV Only)
- J3590 – Unclassified biologics (Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, Selarsdi, Steqeyma, and Yesintek ONLY) (Discontinue use for Pyzchiva and Selarsdi on 01/01/2025)
- Q5137 – Injection, ustekinumab-auub (wezlana), biosimilar, subcutaneous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- Q5138 – Injection, ustekinumab-auub (wezlana), biosimilar, intravenous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- Q9996 – Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), subcutaneous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Effective 01/01/2025)
- Q9997 – Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), intravenous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Effective 01/01/2025)
- Q9998♦ – Injection, ustekinumab-aekn (selarsdi), 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Effective 01/01/2025) (Includes unbranded biologic)

♦ **Note:** CMS generally creates codes for products themselves, without specifying a route of administration in the code descriptor, as there might be multiple routes of administration for the same product. Drugs that fall under this category should be billed with either the JA modifier for the intravenous infusion of the drug or billed with the JB modifier for subcutaneous injection of the drug.

### NDC(s):

#### Subcutaneous

- Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 57894-0060-xx
- Stelara 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 57894-0061-xx
- Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial: 57894-0060-xx
- Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 55513-0076-xx and 72511-0076-xx
- Wezlana 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 55513-0089-xx and 72511-0089-xx
- Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial: 55513-0055-xx and 72511-0055-xx
- Yesintek 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 83257-0023-xx

- Yesintek 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 83257-0025-xx
- Yesintek 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial: 83257-0024-xx
- Steqeyma 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 72606-0027-xx
- Steqeyma 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 72606-0028-xx
- Pyzchiva 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 61314-0651-xx
- Pyzchiva 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 61314-0652-xx
- Otulfi 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 65219-0824-xx
- Otulfi 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 65219-0826-xx
- Imuldosa 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 69448-0017-xx
- Imuldosa 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 69448-0018-xx
- Selarsdi 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0505-xx
- Selarsdi 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0607-xx
- Ustekinumab-aekn 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0709-xx (<sup>§</sup>*Unbranded biologic*)
- Ustekinumab-aekn 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0710-xx (<sup>§</sup>*Unbranded biologic*)

#### Intravenous

- Stelara 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 57894-0054-xx
- Wezlana 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 55513-0066-xx
- Yesintek 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 83257-0026-xx
- Steqeyma 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single dose vial 72606-0029-01
- Pyzchiva 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 61314-0654-xx
- Otulfi 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 65219-0828-xx
- Imuldosa 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 69448-0019-xx
- Selarsdi 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 51759-0708-xx
- Ustekinumab-aekn 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 51759-0711-xx (<sup>§</sup>*Unbranded biologic*)

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## Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

### Subcutaneous

ICD-10	ICD-10 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
K51.00	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis without complications

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
K51.011	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with rectal bleeding
K51.012	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.013	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with fistula
K51.014	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with abscess
K51.018	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with other complication
K51.019	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with unspecified complications
K51.20	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis without complications
K51.211	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with rectal bleeding
K51.212	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.213	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with fistula
K51.214	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with abscess
K51.218	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with other complication
K51.219	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with unspecified complications
K51.30	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis without complications
K51.311	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with rectal bleeding
K51.312	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with intestinal obstruction
K51.313	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with fistula
K51.314	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with abscess
K51.318	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with other complication
K51.319	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with unspecified complications
K51.50	Left sided colitis without complications
K51.511	Left sided colitis with rectal bleeding
K51.512	Left sided colitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.513	Left sided colitis with fistula
K51.514	Left sided colitis with abscess
K51.518	Left sided colitis with other complication
K51.519	Left sided colitis with unspecified complications
K51.80	Other ulcerative colitis without complications
K51.811	Other ulcerative colitis with rectal bleeding
K51.812	Other ulcerative colitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.813	Other ulcerative colitis with fistula
K51.814	Other ulcerative colitis with abscess
K51.818	Other ulcerative colitis with other complication

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
K51.819	Other ulcerative colitis with unspecified complications
K51.90	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified, without complications
K51.911	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with rectal bleeding
K51.912	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with intestinal obstruction
K51.913	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with fistula
K51.914	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with abscess
K51.918	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with other complication
K51.919	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with unspecified complications
K52.1	Toxic gastroenteritis and colitis
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
M08.80	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified site
M08.811	Other juvenile arthritis, right shoulder
M08.812	Other juvenile arthritis, left shoulder
M08.819	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified shoulder
M08.821	Other juvenile arthritis, right elbow
M08.822	Other juvenile arthritis, left elbow
M08.829	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified elbow
M08.831	Other juvenile arthritis, right wrist
M08.832	Other juvenile arthritis, left wrist
M08.839	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified wrist
M08.841	Other juvenile arthritis, right hand
M08.842	Other juvenile arthritis, left hand
M08.849	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified hand
M08.851	Other juvenile arthritis, right hip
M08.852	Other juvenile arthritis, left hip
M08.859	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified hip
M08.861	Other juvenile arthritis, right knee
M08.862	Other juvenile arthritis, left knee

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
M08.869	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified knee
M08.871	Other juvenile arthritis, right ankle and foot
M08.872	Other juvenile arthritis, left ankle and foot
M08.879	Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified ankle and foot
M08.88	Other juvenile arthritis, other specified site
M08.89	Other juvenile arthritis, multiple sites
M08.9A	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, other specified site
M08.911	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right shoulder
M08.912	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left shoulder
M08.919	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified shoulder
M08.921	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right elbow
M08.922	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left elbow
M08.929	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified elbow
M08.931	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right wrist
M08.932	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left wrist
M08.939	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified wrist
M08.941	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right hand
M08.942	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left hand
M08.949	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified hand
M08.951	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right hip
M08.952	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left hip
M08.959	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified hip
M08.961	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right knee
M08.962	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left knee
M08.969	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified knee
M08.971	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right ankle and foot
M08.972	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left ankle and foot
M08.979	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified ankle and foot
M08.98	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, vertebrae
M08.99	Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, multiple sites
R19.7	Diarrhea, unspecified

## Intravenous

ICD-10	ICD-10 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
K51.00	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis without complications
K51.011	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with rectal bleeding
K51.012	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.013	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with fistula

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
K51.014	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with abscess
K51.018	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with other complication
K51.019	Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with unspecified complications
K51.20	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis without complications
K51.211	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with rectal bleeding
K51.212	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.213	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with fistula
K51.214	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with abscess
K51.218	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with other complication
K51.219	Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with unspecified complications
K51.30	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis without complications
K51.311	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with rectal bleeding
K51.312	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with intestinal obstruction
K51.313	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with fistula
K51.314	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with abscess
K51.318	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with other complication
K51.319	Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with unspecified complications
K51.50	Left sided colitis without complications
K51.511	Left sided colitis with rectal bleeding
K51.512	Left sided colitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.513	Left sided colitis with fistula
K51.514	Left sided colitis with abscess
K51.518	Left sided colitis with other complication
K51.519	Left sided colitis with unspecified complications
K51.80	Other ulcerative colitis without complications
K51.811	Other ulcerative colitis with rectal bleeding
K51.812	Other ulcerative colitis with intestinal obstruction
K51.813	Other ulcerative colitis with fistula
K51.814	Other ulcerative colitis with abscess
K51.818	Other ulcerative colitis with other complication
K51.819	Other ulcerative colitis with unspecified complications
K51.90	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified, without complications
K51.911	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with rectal bleeding

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
K51.912	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with intestinal obstruction
K51.913	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with fistula
K51.914	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with abscess
K51.918	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with other complication
K51.919	Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with unspecified complications
K52.1	Toxic gastroenteritis and colitis
R19.7	Diarrhea, unspecified

## Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC