

Member Name: _____ Member ID: _____ Member DOB: _____
Drug Name: _____ Strength: _____ Directions: _____
Physician Name: _____ Physician Phone #: _____ Specialty: _____
Physician Fax #: _____ Pharmacy Name: _____ Pharmacy Phone: _____

Horizon NJ Health
Mepolizumab (Nucala) or Benralizumab (Fasenra) – Medical Necessity Request
****Complete pages 1-4 for New/Initial requests****

Diagnosis

Asthma

1. What is the prescriber's specialty managing the medication?
 Allergy Pulmonology Other: _____
2. Please indicate the severity of the asthma: mild moderate severe
3. Does the member have asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:**
 - Is the member currently receiving high dosed inhaled corticosteroid or on oral corticosteroid? **Yes or No**
 - What is the blood eosinophil level while on high dosed inhaled corticosteroid or oral corticosteroid?
_____ Date Taken: _____ **Please submit lab documentation.*
4. Has the member experienced >2 exacerbations requiring oral corticosteroids within the past 12 months? **Yes or No**
5. Has the member had serious asthma exacerbations requiring hospitalization, mechanical ventilation, or visit to the emergency room or urgent care within past 12 months? **Yes or No**
6. Does the member have a baseline Forced Expiratory Volume (FEV1) that is less than 80% of the predicted after bronchodilator use? **Yes or No**
7. Does the member's controlled asthma get worse when the dose of inhaled or systemic corticosteroids are tapered? **Yes or No**
8. Has member received a medium-high dose inhaled corticosteroid? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:** Please provide drug name and strength _____
Directions _____
Dates filled within the past several months _____
 - **If No,** Can member try a medium-high dose inhaled corticosteroid instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No:**
 - Please provide clinical reason _____
 - Can the member try a low-dose inhaled corticosteroid instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No:** Please provide clinical reason why member cannot use any inhaled corticosteroids _____
9. Has member received long-acting beta agonist (LABA) therapy? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes,** please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
 - **If No,** Can member try LABA therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No,** please provide clinical reason _____

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10. Has member received Leukotriene modifier (e.g., montelukast or zafirlukast)? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
- **If No**, Can member try Leukotriene modifier therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No**, please provide clinical reason _____

11. Has member received Long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA)? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name _____
 - Dates filled within the past several months _____
- **If No**, Can member try LAMA therapy instead? **Yes or No**
 - **If yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - **If No**, please provide clinical reason _____

12. Will the member continue to use standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), long-acting beta-2-agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA)] with the requested drug?

Yes or No

- **If Yes**, please provide the name(s) of the standard asthma control therapy the member will be receiving:

13. Will the member be using any other biologic drug [e.g., omalizumab (Xolair), Reslizumab (Cinqair)] with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

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Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps (CRSwNP)

1. Is the member being managed by an allergist and/or otolaryngologist/ENT (ears, nose, throat) specialist, or a prescriber with expertise in the disease? **Yes or No**
2. Is the member's chronic rhinosinusitis confirmed by nasal endoscopy, anterior rhinoscopy, or computed tomography (CT) scanning? **Yes or No**
3. Does the member have nasal polyps? **Yes or No**
4. Does the member have ongoing symptoms of nasal obstruction? **Yes or No**
5. Will the member be using Mepolizumab (Nucala) as add-on to maintenance treatment (e.g, nasal saline irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids)? **Yes or No**
6. Did the member have an inadequate response to sinonasal surgery? **Yes or No**
7. Is the member a candidate for sinonasal surgery? **Yes or No**
8. Has the member tried an oral corticosteroid?
 - Yes:**
 - Please provide the dates the member tried an oral corticosteroid _____
 - Did the member have an inadequate response to oral corticosteroid therapy? **Yes or No**
 - Was the oral corticosteroid discontinued? **Yes or No**
 - If Yes:** Why was the oral corticosteroid discontinued? _____
 - No:** Can the member try an oral corticosteroid instead?
 - If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change and return the form.
 - If No:** Please provide the clinical reason why oral corticosteroids cannot be tried:

9. Has the member tried topical intranasal corticosteroids (INCS)?
 - Yes:**
 - Please provide the dates the member tried topical intranasal corticosteroids (INCS)

 - Did the member have an inadequate response to topical intranasal corticosteroid (INCS) **Yes or No**
 - Was the topical intranasal corticosteroids (INCS) discontinued? **Yes or No**
 - If Yes:** Why was the topical intranasal corticosteroids (INCS) discontinued?

 - No:** Can the member try a topical intranasal corticosteroid (INCS) instead?
 - If Yes:** Please notify the pharmacy of the change and return the form.
 - If No:** Please provide the clinical reason why a topical intranasal corticosteroid (INCS) cannot be tried:

10. Is the member currently being treated with standard maintenance therapy (e.g., nasal saline irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids) in combination with Mepolizumab (Nucala)? **Yes or No**

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If No: Please let us know the reason why the member cannot try standard nasal polyp maintenance therapy (e.g., nasal saline irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids):

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Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

1. Is the medication managed by an allergist, pulmonologist, rheumatologist, or a prescriber with expertise in the disease? **Yes or No**
2. Does the member currently have or has a history of asthma? **Yes or No**
3. Does the member have Eosinophilia (defined as blood eosinophil level greater than 10% o) or absolute eosinophil count of >1000 cells/mm³? **Yes or No**
4. Please indicate if the member has any of the following (check all that apply):
 - Eosinophilic vasculitis, perivascular eosinophilic infiltration or eosinophil-rich granulomatous inflammation.
 - Neuropathy
 - Pulmonary infiltrates
 - Sino-nasal abnormalities
 - Cardiomyopathy
 - Glomerulonephritis
 - Alveolar hemorrhage
 - Palpable Purpura
 - Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic anti-body (ANCA) positivity
5. Has the member tried maximally tolerated oral corticosteroid treatment? **Yes or No**
 - a. **If Yes**, did the member respond to treatment?
 - Yes**: How many weeks of therapy did the member receive:

 - No**: please let us know the specific reason for failure:

 - b. **If No**, please let us know if the member could try oral corticosteroid treatment instead?
 - Yes**: Please notify the pharmacy of the change
 - No**: Please provide the clinical reason why oral corticosteroid treatment cannot be tried.

6. Will the member be using any other biologic drug with the requested drug? **Yes or No**
 - **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

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Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES)

1. Is the member managed by an allergist, immunologist, hematologist, or a prescriber with expertise in the disease?
Yes or No
2. Has the member had Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES) for at least 6 months? **Yes or No**
3. Does the member have an identifiable non-hematological secondary cause of Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (e.g., infection, allergy/atopy, medications, collagen vascular disease, metabolic [e.g., adrenal insufficiency], solid tumor/lymphoma)? **Yes or No**
4. Does the member have a blood eosinophil count of 1000 cells/microL or greater? **Yes or No**
5. Does the member have a history of at least 2 HES flares within the past 12 months (i.e., worsening of clinical symptoms and/or blood eosinophil counts requiring an escalation in therapy)? **Yes or No**
6. Has the member been stable on HES therapy (e.g., oral corticosteroid, immunosuppressant agents, cytotoxic therapy) for at least 4 weeks? **Yes or No**
7. Has the member experienced intolerance or hypersensitivity to HES therapy (e.g., oral corticosteroid, immunosuppressant agents, cytotoxic therapy)? **Yes or No**
8. Does the member have any contraindications to HES therapy? **Yes or No**
 - a. If yes, please provide the reason _____

Other diagnosis: _____

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****Complete page 5 only for Subsequent/Renewal requests****

Diagnosis

Asthma

1. How has the member responded to therapy compared to baseline? (check all that apply):

- Reduction of the number of hospitalizations, need for mechanical ventilation, emergency room visits, or unscheduled visits to healthcare provider due to asthma exacerbations
- Reduction in dose inhaled/oral corticosteroids required to control the patient's asthma
- Reduction in use of rescue medication
- Increase in pulmonary function tests (e.g., Forced Expiratory Volume from baseline)
- Decrease in symptoms and asthma exacerbations
- None of the above

- If None of the above, please provide any additional clinical information pertaining to the request.

2. Is the member currently being treated and has been compliant with standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids, long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA)] for the past 90 days? **Yes or No**

If No, please provide specific reason(s):

3. Will the member continue to use standard asthma control therapy [e.g., inhaled corticosteroids (ICS), long-acting beta-2-agonist (LABA), leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA)] with the requested drug?

Yes or No

If Yes, please provide the name(s) of the standard asthma control therapy the member will be receiving:

4. Will the member be using any other biologic drug [e.g., omalizumab (Xolair), Reslizumab (Cinqair)] with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

i. **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:

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1. Has the member responded to therapy?

- Reduction of systemic corticosteroid use
- Decrease in nasal obstruction, congestion, or other sino-nasal symptoms
- Improvement in endoscopic nasal polyps score
- Improvement in loss of smell
- The member has not required surgery since starting therapy
- None

- **If None of the above**, please provide any additional clinical information pertaining to the request.

2. Will the member continue standard maintenance therapy (e.g, nasal saline irrigation, intranasal corticosteroids) in combination with Mepolizumab (Nucala) **Yes or No**

Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

1. How has the member responded to therapy compared to baseline? (check all that apply)

- Reduction in corticosteroid and/or immunosuppressant doses
- Reduction in asthma symptoms
- Reduction in sinus symptoms
- Reduction in vasculitis
- Reduced number of hospitalizations or emergency room visits
- Improvement from baseline in forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1)
- Improvement in duration of remission or decrease in the rate of relapses
- None of the above

- **If None of the above**, please provide any additional clinical information pertaining to the request:

2. Will the member be using any other biologic drug with the requested drug? **Yes or No**

- **If Yes**, please provide drug name and diagnosis it is being used to treat:
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Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES)

1. How has the member responded to therapy compared to baseline? (check all that apply)

- Reduction or stabilization in HES therapy (e.g., oral corticosteroid, immunosuppressant agents, cytotoxic therapy) doses
- Reduction in weariness or tiredness symptoms
- Reduction in incidence of HES flares (HES flare defined as worsening of clinical signs and symptoms of HES or increasing eosinophils).
- None of the above

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