

# Canakinumab

(Ilaris<sup>®</sup>) J0638 (1mg)

## Covered with prior authorization

Canakinumab (Ilaris<sup>®</sup>) may be authorized when the following criteria are met:

### Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)

- The medication is being used for treatment of **ONE** of the following:
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    - Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome (FCAS)
    - Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS)
    - Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID) also known as Chronic infantile neurological cutaneous and articular (CINCA) syndrome
- AND**
- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist, geneticist, allergist/immunologist, or dermatologist.

### Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF)

- Individual is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
  - Prior to starting, the patient meets **BOTH** of the following:
    - C-reactive protein level is  $\geq 10$  mg/L OR elevated to at least two times the upper limit of normal for the reporting laboratory; **AND**
- EITHER** of the following:
- Active disease despite treatment with colchicine
  - Documentation of contraindication per FDA label, significant intolerance, or is not a candidate for colchicine.
- AND**
- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist, nephrologist, geneticist, gastroenterologist, oncologist, or hematologist.

### Hyperimmunoglobulin D Syndrome (HIDS) / Mevalonate Kinase Deficiency (MKD)

- Individual is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
  - Prior to starting, the patient meets **BOTH** of the following:
    - C-reactive protein level is  $\geq 10$  mg/L OR elevated to at least two times the upper limit of normal for the reporting laboratory; **AND**
- EITHER** of the following:
- History of at least three febrile acute flares within the previous 6-month period
  - Individual was hospitalized for a severe flare
- AND**

- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist, nephrologist, geneticist, oncologist, or hematologist.

**Adult Onset Still's Disease (AOSD)**

- Individual is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist.

**Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA); previously referred to as Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis**

- Individual is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist.

**Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor Associated Periodic Syndrome (TRAPS)**

- Individual is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Individual meets **BOTH** of the following:
  - C-reactive protein level is  $\geq 10$  mg/L, OR elevated to at least two times the upper limit of normal for the reporting laboratory; **AND****EITHER of the following:**
  - Individual has a history of at least six flares per year
  - Individual was hospitalized for a severe flare**AND**
- Medication is being prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist, geneticist, nephrologist, oncologist, or hematologist.

**Gout (acute flares):**

- Individuals with frequent flares; **AND**
  - Failure or intolerance of NSAIDs, colchicine and oral/intravenous corticosteroids
- OR**
- Contraindication to first line therapy (NSAIDs and colchicine) and repeated courses of corticosteroids should be clinically avoided

**Exclusion criteria:**

- Behcet's Disease
- Cardiovascular risk reduction and disorder prevention
- Concurrent biologic therapy
- COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019)
- Majeed Syndrome
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Schnitzler Syndrome
- Diabetes (type 1 and 2)
- Product use for non-FDA approved indications or indications not supported by industry-accepted guidelines
- Doses, durations, or dosing intervals that exceed FDA maximum limits for any FDA-approved indication or are not supported by industry-accepted practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use.

**Initial authorization is up to 12 months.**

Reauthorization approval duration is up to 12 months.

Canakinumab is considered medically necessary for continued use when initial criteria are met AND there is documentation of beneficial response.

Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

#### U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

This section is to be used for informational purposes. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

Canakinumab (Ilaris®) is an interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ ) antagonist, is indicated for the following autoinflammatory periodic fever syndromes:

- **Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)**, including Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome and Muckle-Wells Syndrome, for treatment of patients who are  $\geq$  4 years of age.
- **Familial Mediterranean fever (FMF)**, in adult and pediatric patients age  $\geq$  2 years of age
- **Hyperimmunoglobulin D syndrome/mevalonate kinase deficiency (HIDS/MKD)**, in adult and pediatric patients age  $\geq$  2 years of age.
- **Still's disease**, including active **adult-onset Still's disease (AOSD)** and **juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)**, in patients  $\geq$  2 years of age.
- **Tumor necrosis factor receptor associated periodic syndrome (TRAPS)**, in adult and pediatric patients age  $\geq$  2 years of age.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary of Changes</b>
August 2022	Criteria for use summary developed by the Ascension Medical Specialty Prior Authorization Team.
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