

## Vedolizumab

(Entyvio®) J3380 (1mg)

### Covered with prior authorization

Vedolizumab (Entyvio) may be authorized when the following criteria are met:

#### Moderate to severe Crohn's disease

- Individual is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Documented failure or inadequate response, contraindication per FDA label, intolerance, or not a candidate for:
  - a corticosteroid or taken concurrently with a corticosteroid (for example, prednisone, methylprednisolone); **OR**
  - one conventional systemic therapy ( for example, azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate {MTX}); **OR**
  - Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) blocker or biologic DMARD (such as infliximab, etanercept, adalimumab, certolizumab pegol, or golimumab); **AND**
- Prescribed by, or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or a prescriber who specializes in Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Dose is 300 mg infusion intravenously at zero, two, six weeks and then every eight weeks thereafter.

#### Ulcerative Colitis

- Individual is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Documented failure or inadequate response, contraindication per FDA label, intolerance, or not a candidate for at least ONE conventional therapy ( for example, aminosalicylate, corticosteroids, or immunosuppressants);

*\*Note: An exception to this requirement can be made if the individual has already tried a biologic. These individuals are not required to "step back" and try a conventional agent.*

#### **AND**

- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or a prescriber who specializes in ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Dose is 300 mg infusion intravenously at zero, two, six weeks and then every eight weeks thereafter

#### Exclusion criteria:

Requests may not be approved for the following:

- Pediatric individuals (<18 years of age)
- All other indications not included above;

- Doses, duration, 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
- Concomitant use with any other biological including all non-tumor necrosis factor (non-TNF) biologics, natalizumab, or oral immunomodulatory agents (for example, Otezla or Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR);
- Active serious infection or a history of recurrent infections;
- New or worsening neurological signs or symptoms of John Cunningham virus (JCV) infection or risk of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML);
- Individuals with significant known risk factors unless the record provides an assessment of clinical benefit that outweighs the risk

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

**Annual reauthorizations will require medical chart documentation that the patient has been seen within the past 12 months and that markers of disease are improved by therapy**

**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.

ENTYVIO is an integrin receptor antagonist indicated in adults for the treatment of:

- moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis
- moderately to severely active Crohn’s disease

**References:**

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