

## **Pharmacy Drug Policy Checklist**

POLICY NAME Xolair (omalizumab) POLICY # 1059P

## Criteria

Coverage Criteria for Asthma	
	Member age 6 years or older
	Diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma
	Availability of a rapid-acting beta2 agonist (Ventolin, ProAir, Proventil)
	Prescribed by immunologist (immune system doctor) or pulmonologist (lung doctor)
	Planned use of Xolair with other chronic therapeutic agents for the treatment of asthma
	Positive skin or in vitro reactivity to at least 1 perennial aeroallergen
	Pretreatment IgE level 30 IU/mL
	Documented use with one of the following:     An inhaled corticosteroid (ICS, such as Asmanex, Pulmicort or QVAR) treatment one additional asthma controller medication with lack of asthma control     A maximally tolerated inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)/long-acting beta2 agonist (LABA) such as Symbicort or Dulera

Coverage Criteria for Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria		
	Documented itchy hives for at least 6 weeks	
	Member is age 12 and older	
	Documented failure on at least two different high-dose H1-antihistamines, unless contraindicated	
	<ul> <li>High dose defined by the total daily dose ? Cetirizine 20mg ? Fexofenadine 360mg ?</li> <li>Loratidine 20mg daily ? Hydroxyzine 200mg ? Diphenhydramine 400mg</li> </ul>	
	Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ranitidine or famotidine used in combination with a H1-antihistamine	
	Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to montelukast or zafirlukast	
	Prescribed by an immunologist (immune system doctor) or allergist (allergy specialist)	

Coverage Criteria for Rhinosinusitis Nasal Polyposis		
	Documented diagnosis of rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps	
	Prescribed by an otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor), allergist (allergy specialist), or immunologist (immune system doctor)	
	Age 18 years or older	
	Documented failure, intolerance, or contraindication to intranasal glucocorticoids Criteria References	
Coverage Criteria for IgE-mediated Food Allergy		
	Documented diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy confirmed by history of IgE-mediated allergy to one or more foods	
	Patient has one or more demonstrated food allergies through positive skin prick test or positive serum IgE	
	Age 1 year or older	
	Prescribed by an allergist or immunologist	
	Documentation Xolair is medically necessary despite a diet avoiding food allergens	
	Xolair will not be used in conjunction with Palforzia	