



Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name:	Cosentyx (secukinumab)	Policy#:	2332P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for Cosentyx (secukinumab)

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Cosentyx (secukinumab) under the specialty benefit if the following criteria are met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria for Plaque Psoriasis

- 1.1 See [Plaque Psoriasis Immunomodulator Therapies](#) policy

2. Coverage Criteria for Ankylosing Spondylitis

- 2.1 See [Ankylosing Spondylitis Immunomodulator Therapies](#) policy

3. Coverage Criteria for Psoriatic Arthritis

- 3.1 See [Psoriatic Arthritis Immunomodulator Therapies](#) policy

4. Coverage Criteria for Nonradiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis

- 4.1 See [Nonradiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis Immunomodulators](#) policy

5. Coverage Criteria for enthesitis-related arthritis (ERA)

- 5.1 Diagnosis of active enthesitis-related arthritis
5.2 Age 4 years of age or older
5.3 Prescribed by or with a rheumatologist (musculoskeletal doctor)
5.4 Trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to two non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (e.g., ibuprofen, meloxicam, naproxen)

6. Coverage Criteria for Hidradenitis Suppurativa

- 6.1 See Hidradenitis Suppurativa Immunomodulator Therapies policy

7. Exclusion Criteria

- 7.1 Inadequate response to initial or previous Cosentyx therapy
7.2 Patients with active infections, latent tuberculosis, or symptomatic or deteriorating congestive heart failure
7.3 Health Alliance does not cover concurrent therapy with other biologic DMARDS or other TNF blockers based upon the possible increased risk for infections and other potential pharmacological interactions

8. Approval Time

- 8.1 Initial: 12 Months
8.2 Reauthorization: 12 months with documentation of clinical benefit

CPT Codes

HCPCS Codes	
J3247	Injection, secukinumab, intravenous, 1 mg

References

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