Mass General Brigham
Health Plan

Cosentyx (secukinumab)
Effective 01/01/2026

Plan	☐ MassHealth UPPL ☒ Commercial/Exchange	**Program Type**	☒ Prior Authorization ☐ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Benefit	☒ Pharmacy Benefit ☐ Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
Contact Information	**Medical Benefit** **Pharmacy Benefit**	Phone: 833-895-2611 Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 888-656-6671 Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	Cosentyx IV is available via Medical Benefit ONLY Cosentyx subcutaneous Prefilled Syringe and Auto-Injector are available via Pharmacy Benefit Only		

Overview

Cosentyx (secukinumab) is an interleukin-17A antagonist indicated or the treatment of:

- Moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in patients 6 years of age and older who are candidates for systemic therapy or photo therapy
- Active psoriatic arthritis in patients 2 years of age and older
- Active ankylosing spondylitis in adults
- Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis with objective signs of inflammation in adults
- Enthesitis-related arthritis (ERA) in pediatric patients 4 years of age and older
- Moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa in adults

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan within the past 90 days who are currently receiving treatment with the requested medication, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs

OR

Authorizations may be granted when all the following diagnosis-specific criteria have been met:

Moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

1. Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis
2. At least 3% of body surface area (BSA) is affected OR crucial body areas (e.g., hands, feet, face, neck, scalp, genitals/groin, intertriginous areas) are affected.
3. The member meets ONE of the following criteria:
    a. Minimum duration of 4-week trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE of the following topical therapies
        i. Corticosteroids (e.g., betamethasone, clobetasol)
        ii. Vitamin D analogs (e.g., calcitriol, calcipotriene)
        iii. Tazarotene
        iv. Calcineurin inhibitors (e.g., tacrolimus, pimecrolimus)
        v. Anthralin

vi. Coal tar

b. The member has severe psoriasis that warrants a biologic DMARD as first-line therapy

4. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO of the following:
    a. Cimzia
    b. Enbrel
    c. Humira (Abbvie), Hadlima, Simlandi, Yuflyma
    d. Otezla
    e. Skyrizi
    f. Sotyktu
    g. Selarsdi, Steqeyma, Yesintek
    h. Tremfya
5. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to BOTH of the following:
    a. Taltz
    b. Bimzelx

Active psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

1. Diagnosis of active psoriatic arthritis (PsA)
2. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO of the following:
    a. Cimzia
    b. Enbrel
    c. Humira (Abbvie), Hadlima, Simlandi, Yuflyma
    d. Otezla
    e. Rinvoq/Rinvoq LQ
    f. Simponi
    g. Skyrizi
    h. Selarsdi, Steqeyma, Yesintek
    i. Tremfya
    j. Xeljanz/XR
3. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to Taltz
4. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE of the following:
    a. Orencia
    b. Bimzelx
5. The member has ONE of the following:
    a. Actively inflamed joints
    b. Dactylitis
    c. Enthesitis
    d. Axial disease
    e. Active skin and/or nail involvement

Ankylosing spondylitis (AS)

1. Diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis
2. Member has minimum duration of 1-month trial and failure, contraindication or intolerance to TWO different non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (e.g., ibuprofen, naproxen) at maximally tolerated doses.
3. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO of the following:
    a. Cimzia
    b. Enbrel
    c. Humira (Abbvie), Hadlima, Simlandi, Yuflyma

    d. Rinvoq
    e. Simponi
    f. Xeljanz/XR
4. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to BOTH of the following
    a. Taltz
    b. Bimzelx

Non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA)

1. Diagnosis of active non-radiographical axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA)
2. Member has objective signs of inflammation (e.g., C-reactive protein [CRP] levels above the upper limit of normal and/or sacroiliitis on magnetic resonance imaging [MRI], indicative of inflammatory disease, but without definitive radiographic evidence of structural damage on sacroiliac joints)
3. Member has minimum duration of 1-month trial and failure, contraindication or intolerance to TWO different non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (e.g., ibuprofen, naproxen) at maximally tolerated doses.
4. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ALL of the following:
    a. Cimzia
    b. Rinvoq
    c. Taltz
    d. Bimzelx

Moderate to Severe Hidradenitis Suppurativa

1. Member has a diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (Hurley stage II or III)
2. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE of the following:
    a. Humira (Abbvie)
    b. Hadlima
    c. Simlandi
    d. Yuflyma
3. Trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to Bimzelx

Enthesitis related arthritis (ERA)

1. The member is 4 years of age or older
2. The member has active ERA with both arthritis and enthesitis, arthritis alone, or enthesitis alone
3. The member has experienced trial and failure, contraindication or intolerance to at least two non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (e.g., ibuprofen, naproxen) at maximally tolerated doses.

NOTE: Children are excluded from this category if they have a first-degree relative with psoriasis, positive RF, or systemic arthritis.

<u>Continuation of Therapy</u>

Requests for reauthorization will be approved when the following criteria are met:

1. Member meets the prerequisite biologic trial requirements for the treated condition
2. Documentation is submitted supporting improvement in member's condition as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms of the condition.

Limitations

1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 24 months
2. The following quantity limits apply:

Drug Name and Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Cosentyx 75 mg/0.5 mL, 150 mg/mL, 300 mg /2mL prefilled syringe, autoinjector (includes Unoready and Sensoready)	1 injection per 28 days
Cosentyx 150mg (300 mg dose)	2 injections per 28 days

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Review History

02/22/2016: Reviewed P&T Mtg
02/27/2017: Reviewed & Revised (added Step)
02/26/2018: Reviewed & Revised P&T Mtg
02/20/2019: Reviewed & Revised P&T Mtg
05/20/2020: Reviewed and Updated May P&T Mtg; overview and references updated; started and stabilized statement; added QL to criteria. Effective 7/1/20
11/18/2020: Reviewed; Updated criteria to have preferred agent for Comm/Exch strategy
01/19/2022: Reviewed and Updated for Jan P&T; added new indications & criteria for nonradiographic axial spondyloarthritis & ERA; references updated. Effective 03/01/2022.
06/14/2023: Reviewed and updated; Updated QL for Cosentyx 150mg to 2 injections per 30 days.
11/15/2023 – Reviewed and Updated at Nov P&T; For Psoriatic Arthritis: 5% BSA changed to at least 3%. Removed TB requirement. Updated preferred agents to prior use with ONE of the following agents: Cimzia, Enbrel, Humira or biosimilars, Skyrizi, Stelara, Tremfya. Updated topical therapies. For Psoriatic arthritis:

Updated preferred agents to require previous use of TWO of the following: Cimzia**,** Enbrel, Humira or biosimilars, Rinvoq, Simponi, Skyrizi, Stelara, Tremfya, Xeljanz/XR, AND Cosentyx AND Orencia. Removed requirement of traditional DMARD. Removed appendix. Consolidated reauthorization criteria. Effective 1/1/2024
4/10/2024 – Reviewed and Updated for April P&T; Added Cosentyx IV to criteria. Effective 5/1/2024
09/11/2024 – Reviewed and updated for September P&T. Added Rinvoq LQ as a previous treatment option for psoriatic arthritis. Added criteria for hidradenitis suppurativa. Effective 11/1/2024.
10/09/2024 – Reviewed and updated for October P&T. Reviewed and updated for October P&T. Effective 11/1/2024: Updated criteria for plaque psoriasis to remove requirement for documentation of medical records for trial and failure with conventional therapies. Effective 1/1/2025: For all indications added Amjevita (Nuvaila) as an adalimumab step option. Added Wezlana as an Ustekinumab step option for plaque psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Updated criteria for plaque psoriasis to require trial and failure with Taltz and three other preferred biologics; added Otezla as a biologic step option. Updated criteria for psoriatic arthritis to require trial and failure with Orencia, Taltz, and to other preferred biologics (including Wezlana and Otezla). Updated criteria for ankylosing spondylitis to specify minimal 1-month trial of two NSAIDs; biologic step updated to require trial and failure with Taltz and two other preferred biologics. Criteria for non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) to specify minimal 1-month trial of two NSAIDs; biologic step updated to require trial and failure with Taltz in addition to Cimzia and Rinvoq. Reauthorization criteria updated to specify documentation of improvement is required. Reauthorization criteria also require that the member meets the prerequisite trial medication requirements for the condition being treated.
04/09/2025 – Reviewed and updated for April P&T. Updated criteria for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis to require trial and failure with two preferred immunomodulators, Taltz, and Bimzelx. Updated criteria for psoriatic arthritis to require trial and failure with two preferred immunomodulators, Taltz, and either Orencia or Taltz. Updated criteria for nr-axSpA, hidradenitis suppurativa, and psoriatic arthritis to include a trial and failure with Bimzelx. Effective 07/01/2025.
06/11/2025 – Reviewed and updated for June P&T. Updated criteria for plaque psoriasis to include Sotyktu as a previous trial option. Updated quantity limitations. Effective 09/01/2025.
09/10/2025 - Reviewed and updated at September P&T. Added Yesintek as an Ustekinumab trial option. Effective 10/1/2025.
10/08/2025 – Reviewed and updated at October P&T. Updated policy to reflect that Selarsdi, Steqeyma and Yesintek are the preferred Ustekinumab trial options. Updated preferred adalimumab products to Humira, Hadlima, Simlandi and Yuflyma. Updated policy to reflect that policy only applies to the pharmacy benefit. Minor verbiage updates to trial language for ankylosing spondylitis and nr-axSpA; intent remains the same. Effective 01/01/2026.