

**Sotyktu (deucravacitinib)**  
**Effective 09/01/2025**

<b>Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Benefit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	N/A		
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<b>Exceptions</b>	N/A		

**Overview**

Sotyktu (deucravacitinib) is tyrosine kinase 2 inhibitor approved for the treatment of adult patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

**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**

Authorization 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. 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. Member has severe psoriasis that warrants a biologic DMARD as first-line therapy

**Continuation of Therapy**

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

1. 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 limitations apply:

Drug Name and Dosage Form	Quantity Limit
Sotyktu tablet	1 tablet per day

## References

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## Review History

01/11/2023 – Created and Reviewed for January P&T. Effective 03/01/2023

11/15/2023 – Reviewed and Updated for Nov P&T; updated BSA requirement to > 3% BSA or crucial body area. Removed TB requirement. Updated preferred agents from having prior use with ALL the preferred products (Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Otezla, Skyrizi and Stelara) to having prior use with 3 of the following agents: Cimzia, Enbrel, Humira or biosimilars, Skyrizi, Stelara, Tremfya, AND Cosentyx. Added requirement of topical therapies. Effective 1/1/2024

10/09/2024 – Reviewed and updated at October P&T. Removed age requirement. Updated language for conventional therapies to no longer require submission of medical records or paid claims. Updated criteria to allow for bypassing conventional therapy requirement if member has severe psoriasis that warrants a biologic DMARD as first-line therapy. Added Otezla, Taltz and Wezlana as biologic step options. Updated reauthorization criteria to require documentation of clinical response. Effective 1/1/2025.

06/11/2025 – Reviewed and updated at June P&T. Removed immunomodulator trial and failure requirement. Updated Limitations section to include quantity limits. Effective 09/01/2025.

