

# Ustekinumab: Stelara®; Wezlana™; Selarsdi™; Pyzchiva®; Otulfi™; Imuldosa®; Ustekinumab-aekn<sup>§</sup> (Intravenous/Subcutaneous)

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## I. Length of Authorization <sup>1-6,41-49</sup>

### Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis:

Initial coverage will be provided for 8 weeks and may be renewed annually thereafter.

- Dose escalation requests for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis: will be provided for 3 months with continued renewal annually thereafter (See Section V for continuation details).

### Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Diarrhea/Colitis:

Coverage will be provided for a one-time intravenous induction dose plus up to 3 subcutaneous maintenance doses and may not be renewed.

### All other indications:

Initial coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed annually thereafter.

## II. Dosing Limits

### A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

#### Subcutaneous

- 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial/prefilled syringe:
  - Loading: 1 vial/syringe at weeks 0 & 4
  - Maintenance: 1 vial/syringe every 12 weeks
- 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe:
  - Loading: 1 syringe at weeks 0 & 4
  - Maintenance: 1 syringe every 4 weeks

**NOTE:** Vial formulation applies to Stelara and Wezlana only

#### Intravenous

- 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 4 vials

### B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

| Indication   | Max Units  |
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| Plaque Psoriasis & Psoriatic Arthritis with co-existent moderate-severe Plaque Psoriasis | <u>Subcutaneous Loading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) at weeks 0 &amp; 4; maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) every 12 weeks</li> </ul>         |
| Psoriatic Arthritis  | <u>Subcutaneous Loading:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 billable units (45mg) at weeks 0 &amp; 4; maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 billable units (45 mg) every 12 weeks</li> </ul>          |
| Crohn's Disease & Ulcerative Colitis   | <u>Intravenous Induction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>520 billable units (520 mg) x 1 dose</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) 8 weeks after induction &amp; every 4 weeks thereafter</li> </ul>           |
| Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Diarrhea/Colitis                                     | <u>Intravenous Induction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>520 billable units (520 mg) x 1 dose</li> </ul> <u>Subcutaneous Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 billable units (90 mg) 8 weeks after induction &amp; every 8 weeks thereafter x 3 doses</li> </ul> |

### III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1-6</sup>

Site of care specialty infusion program requirements are met (refer to [Moda Site of Care Policy](#)).

Self-administered injectable medications are not covered when supplied in a provider's office, clinic or facility.

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age (unless otherwise specified); **AND**
- Patient is up to date with all age-appropriate vaccinations, in accordance with current vaccination guidelines, prior to initiating therapy; **AND**

#### Universal Criteria <sup>1-6</sup>

- Patient has been evaluated and screened for the presence of latent tuberculosis (TB) infection prior to initiating treatment and will receive ongoing monitoring for presence of TB during treatment; **AND**
- Patient does not have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient will not receive live vaccines during therapy; **AND**
- Patient is not on concurrent treatment with another biologic therapy (e.g. IL-inhibitor, TNF-inhibitor, integrin receptor antagonist, T cell costimulation modulator, etc.) or targeted synthetic

therapy (e.g., apremilast, abrocitinib, tofacitinib, baricitinib, upadacitinib, deucravacitinib, ritilecitinib, ruxolitinib, etrasimod, ozanimod, etc.); **AND**

**Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) †** <sup>1-6,35,50-54</sup>

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| <b>For Commercial Members Only</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li><li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li></ul> <p><i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i></p> |
| <b>For Medicaid Members Only</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li><li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li></ul> <p><i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i></p> |

- Patient is at least 6 years of age; **AND**
- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for at least 6 months with at least one of the following:
  - Involvement of at least 3% of body surface area (BSA); **OR**
  - Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score of 10 or greater; **OR**
  - Incapacitation or serious emotional consequences due to plaque location (e.g., hands, feet, head and neck, genitalia, etc.) or with intractable pruritis; **AND**
- Patient meets ALL of the following **≠**:
  - Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 4-week minimum trial of topical agents (i.e., anthralin, coal tar preparations, corticosteroids, emollients, immunosuppressives, keratolytics, roflumilast, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or vitamin D analogues); **AND**
  - Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate) to a 3-month minimum trial of at least one non-biologic systemic agent (i.e., immunosuppressives, retinoic acid derivatives, and/or methotrexate); **AND**
  - Patient did not respond adequately (or is not a candidate\*\*\*) to a 3-month minimum trial of phototherapy (i.e., psoralens with UVA light [PUVA] or UVB with coal tar or dithranol)

*≠ Note: For patients already established on biologic therapy, targeted synthetic therapy, or those with > 10% BSA involvement, trial and failure of topical agents, non-biologic systemic agents, and phototherapy is not required.*

**Adult Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA) †** <sup>1-6,14,55,65</sup>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul> |
| <i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>   |
| <b>For Medicaid Members Only</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul> |
| <i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>   |

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
  - For patients with predominantly axial disease OR enthesitis, a failure of at least a 4-week trial of ONE non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), unless use is contraindicated; **OR**
  - For patients with peripheral arthritis OR dactylitis, a failure of at least a 3 month trial of ONE conventional synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (csDMARD) (e.g., methotrexate, azathioprine, sulfasalazine, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, etc.); **OR**
  - Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of PsA

**Juvenile Psoriatic Arthritis (JPsA) †<sup>1-6,56,57</sup>**

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| <b>For Commercial Members Only</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul> |
| <i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>   |
| <b>For Medicaid Members Only</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least a three (3) month trial of TWO of the following: Enbrel (etanercept), adalimumab biosimilars*, Cosentyx (secukinumab); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is continuing treatment</li> </ul> |
| <i>*Note: Preferred biosimilars are: Hadlima (adalimumab-bwwd) and adalimumab-adaz</i>   |

- Patient is at least 6 years of age; **AND**
- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active polyarticular disease; **AND**
- May be used as a single agent or in combination with methotrexate; **AND**
  - Patient has had at least a 1-month trial and failure (unless contraindicated or intolerant) of previous therapy with either oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) OR

conventional synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (csDMARDs) (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, etc.); **OR**

- Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of JPsA

### **Crohn's Disease †** <sup>1-6,23,29,67,70</sup>

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severely active disease; **AND**
  - Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum (3) month trial of corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate); **OR**
  - Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum (3) month trial of a TNF modifier (e.g., adalimumab, certolizumab, or infliximab); **OR**
  - Patient has evidence of high-risk disease for which corticosteroids or immunomodulators are inadequate and biologic therapy is necessary; **OR**
  - Patient is already established on biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of CD

### **Ulcerative Colitis †** <sup>1-6,24,62,71</sup>

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool; **AND**
- Documented moderate to severe active disease; **AND**
  - Documented failure or ineffective response to a minimum 3-month trial of conventional therapy [aminosalicylates, corticosteroids or immunomodulators (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, methotrexate, etc.)] at maximum tolerated doses, unless there is a contraindication or intolerance to use; **OR**
  - Documented failure, contraindication, or ineffective response at maximum tolerated doses to a minimum 3-month trial of a TNF modifier such as adalimumab, golimumab, or infliximab; **OR**
  - Patient is already established on a biologic or targeted synthetic therapy for the treatment of UC

### **Management of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Diarrhea/Colitis ‡** <sup>40,41</sup>

- Patient has been receiving therapy with an immune checkpoint inhibitor (e.g., nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, avelumab, durvalumab, cemiplimab, ipilimumab, tremelimumab, dostarlimab, retifanlimab, nivolumab/relatlimab, tislelizumab, toripalimab, etc.); **AND**
  - Patient has diarrhea or colitis that is refractory to infliximab and/or vedolizumab; **AND**
    - Patient has mild (G1) diarrhea or colitis with persistent or progressive symptoms and is lactoferrin/calprotectin positive; **OR**
    - Patient has moderate (G2) to severe (G3-4) diarrhea or colitis

**\*\*\*Examples of contraindications to phototherapy (PUVA or UVB) include the following:**  
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- Xeroderma pigmentosum
- Other rare photosensitive genodermatoses (e.g., trichothiodystrophy, Cockayne syndrome, Bloom syndrome, Rothmund-Thomson syndrome) (*UVB only*)
- Genetic disorders associated with increased risk of skin cancer (e.g., Gorlin syndrome, oculocutaneous albinism) (*UVB only*)
- Pregnancy or lactation (*PUVA only*)
- Lupus Erythematosus
- History of one of the following: photosensitivity diseases (e.g., chronic actinic dermatitis, solar urticaria), melanoma, non-melanoma skin cancer, extensive solar damage (*PUVA only*), treatment with arsenic or ionizing radiation
- Immunosuppression in an organ transplant patient (*UVB only*)
- Photosensitizing medications (*PUVA only*)
- Severe liver, renal, or cardiac disease (*PUVA only*)
- Young age < 12 years old (*PUVA only*)
- Anatomical location has been deemed ineligible for phototherapy (i.e., face, genital, scalp, or nail)

**Note:** Patients who do not have access to phototherapy will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Ⓢ Orphan Drug

#### IV. Renewal Criteria <sup>1-6</sup>

Coverage may be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: serious infections, malignancy, severe hypersensitivity reactions, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES) or reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome (RPLS), non-infectious pneumonia, etc.; **AND**

##### **Plaque Psoriasis (PsO)** <sup>50,54,58,63,64</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as redness, thickness, scaliness, and/or the amount of surface area involvement (a total BSA involvement  $\leq 1\%$ ), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g., Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score  $\leq 3$ , physician's global assessment (PGA) score  $\leq 1$ , etc.].

##### **Adult Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)** <sup>20,59,66</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as the number of tender and swollen joint counts, reduction of C-reactive protein, improvement of patient global assessment, improvement on imaging (X-ray, ultrasound, or MRI), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g., defined as an improvement in at least 2 of the 4 Psoriatic Arthritis Response Criteria (PsARC), 1 of which must be joint tenderness or swelling score, with no worsening in any of the 4 criteria].

##### **Juvenile Psoriatic Arthritis (JPsA)** <sup>60,61,66</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as the number of tender and swollen joint counts, reduction of C-reactive protein, improvement of patient global assessment, improvement on imaging (X-ray, ultrasound, or MRI), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool [e.g. an improvement on a composite scoring index such as Juvenile Arthritis Disease Activity Score (JADAS) or the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Pediatric (ACR-Pedi 30) of at least 30% improvement from baseline in three of six variables].

### Crohn's Disease <sup>39,68,69</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as endoscopic activity, number of liquid stools, presence and severity of abdominal pain, presence of abdominal mass, body weight regain, hematocrit, presence of extra intestinal complications, use of anti-diarrheal drugs, tapering or discontinuation of corticosteroid therapy, improvement in biomarker levels [i.e., fecal calprotectin or serum C-reactive protein (CRP)], and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool (e.g., Harvey-Bradshaw Index score, etc.).

### Ulcerative Colitis <sup>24-28,72</sup>

- Disease response as indicated by improvement in signs and symptoms compared to baseline such as stool frequency, rectal bleeding, endoscopic activity, tapering or discontinuation of corticosteroid therapy, normalization of C-reactive protein (CRP) or fecal calprotectin (FC), and/or an improvement on a disease activity scoring tool.

### Management of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Diarrhea/Colitis ‡ <sup>40,41</sup>

- Coverage may not be renewed

## V. Dosage/Administration <sup>1-6,40-49</sup>

| Indication       | Dose   |
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| Plaque Psoriasis | <u>Adult Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u>  |
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤100 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul>  |
|                  | <u>Adult Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u>  |
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≤100 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>  |
| Plaque Psoriasis | <u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u>  |
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later<br/><i>(NOTE: This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara and Wezlana)</i></li> <li>• 60 – 100 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>• &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> |
|                  | <u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u>  |
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| Indication   | Dose  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg every 12 weeks (<b>NOTE: This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara and Wezlana</b>)</li> <li>60 – 100 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>&gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>  |
| Psoriatic Arthritis  | <p><u>Adult Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul> <p><u>Adult Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Loading Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later (<b>NOTE: This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara and Wezlana</b>)</li> <li>≥60 kg: 45 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> <li>Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg at weeks 0 &amp; 4, then begin maintenance dosing 12 weeks later</li> </ul>   |
|  | <p><u>Pediatric Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;60 kg: 0.75 mg/kg every 12 weeks (<b>NOTE: This dosing ONLY applies to Stelara and Wezlana</b>)</li> <li>≥60 kg: 45 mg every 12 weeks</li> <li>Co-existing moderate to severe plaque psoriasis AND weighing &gt;100 kg: 90 mg every 12 weeks</li> </ul>   |
| Crohn's Disease & Ulcerative Colitis/<br>Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Related Diarrhea/Colitis  | <p><u>Intravenous Induction Dose (one-time only):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤ 55 kg: 260 mg</li> <li>&gt; 55 kg to 85 kg: 390 mg</li> <li>&gt; 85 kg: 520 mg</li> </ul> <p><u>Subcutaneous Maintenance Dose:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 mg given 8 weeks after the initial IV dose, then every 8 weeks thereafter</li> </ul> <p>(<i>Note Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Related Toxicity: Administer a one-time IV induction dose plus up to 3 subcutaneous maintenance doses only</i>)</p>                              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crohn's Disease &amp; Ulcerative Colitis dose escalation<sup>42-49</sup> (up to the maximum dose and frequency specified below) may occur upon clinical review on a case-by-case basis provided that the patient has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shown an initial response to therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Received the initial intravenous loading dose as specified above; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Received a minimum of one subcutaneous maintenance dose as specified above; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Responded to therapy (by treatment week 16*) with subsequent loss of response; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Dose escalation must not exceed the following limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 mg subcutaneously every 4 weeks (certain patients may benefit from a smaller reduction in interval if they become symptomatic 5, 6, or 7 weeks after the prior administration)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |



| Indication  | Dose   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coverage will be provided for 3 months with continued approval (as specified in Sections I &amp; IV) contingent upon demonstration of clinical improvement and ustekinumab levels (if available)**               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who do not regain response at a 4-week interval should discontinue therapy</li> <li>• Patients who are responding to therapy may continue with their current dosing**</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>*Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for dose escalation prior to week 16 will be evaluated considering the patient’s clinical picture regarding severity of inflammation, factors which may result in subtherapeutic response to standard dosing (e.g., hypoalbuminemia, prior TNF-I failure), timing of response and breakthrough/loss of response, presence of perianal fistula; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• ustekinumab trough (if available)** is &lt;4.5 micrograms/mL</li> </ul> |  |
|   | <p><b>**ustekinumab trough levels must be obtained (if this is a covered test under the benefit).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who are well-controlled with a trough &gt;4.5 micrograms/mL may be candidates to increase the interval between administrations from 4 weeks to 6 weeks. Response should be assessed after 3 months at this every 6-week interval. Those patients demonstrating loss of response may decrease the interval back to 90 mg subcutaneously every 4 weeks.</li> <li>• Patients whose trough is &lt;4.5 micrograms/mL are candidates to decrease the interval between administrations from 8 weeks to as frequently as 4 weeks. Some patients may benefit from one additional IV loading dose in conjunction with this more frequent maintenance dosing interval.</li> </ul> |

## VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

### HCPCS Code(s):

- J3357 – Ustekinumab, for subcutaneous injection, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (*Stelara SQ Only*)
- J3358 – Ustekinumab, for intravenous injection, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (*Stelara IV Only*)
- J3590 – Unclassified biologics (*Pyzchiva, Otulfi, Imuldosa, and Selarsdi ONLY*) (*Discontinue use for Pyzchiva and Selarsdi on 01/01/2025*)
- Q5137 – Injection, ustekinumab-auub (wezlana), biosimilar, subcutaneous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- Q5138 – Injection, ustekinumab-auub (wezlana), biosimilar, intravenous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- Q9996 – Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), subcutaneous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (*Effective 01/01/2025*)
- Q9997 – Injection, ustekinumab-ttwe (pyzchiva), intravenous, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (*Effective 01/01/2025*)
- Q9998\* – Injection, ustekinumab-aekn (selarsdi), 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (*Effective 01/01/2025*) (*Includes unbranded biologic*)

♦ **Note:** CMS generally creates codes for products themselves, without specifying a route of administration in the code descriptor, as there might be multiple routes of administration for the same product. Drugs that fall under this category should be billed with either the JA modifier for the intravenous infusion of the drug or billed with the JB modifier for subcutaneous injection of the drug.

## NDC(s):

- Subcutaneous
  - Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 57894-0060-xx
  - Stelara 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 57894-0061-xx
  - Stelara 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial: 57894-0060-xx
  - Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 55513-0076-xx and 72511-0076-xx
  - Wezlana 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 55513-0089-xx and 72511-0089-xx
  - Wezlana 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose vial: 55513-0055-xx and 72511-0055-xx
  - Pyzchiva 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 61314-0651-xx
  - Pyzchiva 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 61314-0652-xx
  - Selarsdi 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0505-xx
  - Selarsdi 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0607-xx
  - Otulfi 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 65219-0824-xx
  - Otulfi 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 65219-0826-xx
  - Imuldosa 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 69448-0017-xx
  - Imuldosa 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 69448-0018-xx
  - Ustekinumab-aekn 45 mg/0.5 mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0709-xx (*§Unbranded biologic*)
  - Ustekinumab-aekn 90 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringe: 51759-0710-xx (*§ Unbranded biologic*)
- Intravenous
  - Stelara 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 57894-0054-xx
  - Wezlana 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 55513-0066-xx
  - Pyzchiva 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 61314-0654-xx
  - Otulfi 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 65219-0828-xx
  - Imuldosa 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 69448-0019-xx
  - Selarsdi 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 51759-0708-xx
  - Ustekinumab-aekn 130 mg/26 mL (5 mg/mL) single-dose vial: 51759-0711-xx (*§Unbranded biologic*)

*§An unbranded biologic is the same as the brand biologic, Selarsdi, using the same cell-line as the brand-name reference biologic.*

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## Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

### Subcutaneous

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description  |
|---------|---|
| K50.00  | Crohn's disease of small intestine without complications          |
| K50.011 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with rectal bleeding           |
| K50.012 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with intestinal obstruction    |
| K50.013 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with fistula                   |
| K50.014 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with abscess                   |
| K50.018 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with other complication        |
| K50.019 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with unspecified complications |
| K50.10  | Crohn's disease of large intestine without complications          |
| K50.111 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with rectal bleeding           |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description   |
|---------|--|
| K50.112 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with intestinal obstruction                   |
| K50.113 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with fistula                                  |
| K50.114 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with abscess                                  |
| K50.118 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with other complication                       |
| K50.119 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with unspecified complications                |
| K50.80  | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine without complications          |
| K50.811 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with rectal bleeding           |
| K50.812 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with intestinal obstruction    |
| K50.813 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with fistula                   |
| K50.814 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with abscess                   |
| K50.818 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with other complication        |
| K50.819 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with unspecified complications |
| K50.90  | Crohn's disease, unspecified, without complications                              |
| K50.911 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with rectal bleeding                               |
| K50.912 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with intestinal obstruction                        |
| K50.913 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with fistula                                       |
| K50.914 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with abscess                                       |
| K50.918 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with other complication                            |
| K50.919 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with unspecified complications                     |
| K51.00  | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis without complications                            |
| K51.011 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with rectal bleeding                             |
| K51.012 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with intestinal obstruction                      |
| K51.013 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with fistula                                     |
| K51.014 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with abscess                                     |
| K51.018 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with other complication                          |
| K51.019 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with unspecified complications                   |
| K51.20  | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis without complications                             |
| K51.211 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with rectal bleeding                              |
| K51.212 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with intestinal obstruction                       |
| K51.213 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with fistula                                      |
| K51.214 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with abscess                                      |
| K51.218 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with other complication                           |
| K51.219 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with unspecified complications                    |
| K51.30  | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis without complications                      |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description   |
|---------|--|
| K51.311 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with rectal bleeding           |
| K51.312 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with intestinal obstruction    |
| K51.313 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with fistula                   |
| K51.314 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with abscess                   |
| K51.318 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with other complication        |
| K51.319 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with unspecified complications |
| K51.50  | Left sided colitis without complications                             |
| K51.511 | Left sided colitis with rectal bleeding                              |
| K51.512 | Left sided colitis with intestinal obstruction                       |
| K51.513 | Left sided colitis with fistula                                      |
| K51.514 | Left sided colitis with abscess                                      |
| K51.518 | Left sided colitis with other complication                           |
| K51.519 | Left sided colitis with unspecified complications                    |
| K51.80  | Other ulcerative colitis without complications                       |
| K51.811 | Other ulcerative colitis with rectal bleeding                        |
| K51.812 | Other ulcerative colitis with intestinal obstruction                 |
| K51.813 | Other ulcerative colitis with fistula                                |
| K51.814 | Other ulcerative colitis with abscess                                |
| K51.818 | Other ulcerative colitis with other complication                     |
| K51.819 | Other ulcerative colitis with unspecified complications              |
| K51.90  | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified, without complications               |
| K51.911 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with rectal bleeding                 |
| K51.912 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with intestinal obstruction          |
| K51.913 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with fistula                         |
| K51.914 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with abscess                         |
| K51.918 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with other complication              |
| K51.919 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with unspecified complications       |
| K52.1   | Toxic gastroenteritis and colitis                                    |
| L40.0   | Psoriasis vulgaris   |
| L40.50  | Arthropathic psoriasis, unspecified                                  |
| L40.51  | Distal interphalangeal psoriatic arthropathy                         |
| L40.52  | Psoriatic arthritis mutilans   |
| L40.53  | Psoriatic spondylitis  |
| L40.59  | Other psoriatic arthropathy  |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description                                    |
|---------|---|
| M08.80  | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified site            |
| M08.811 | Other juvenile arthritis, right shoulder              |
| M08.812 | Other juvenile arthritis, left shoulder               |
| M08.819 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified shoulder        |
| M08.821 | Other juvenile arthritis, right elbow                 |
| M08.822 | Other juvenile arthritis, left elbow                  |
| M08.829 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified elbow           |
| M08.831 | Other juvenile arthritis, right wrist                 |
| M08.832 | Other juvenile arthritis, left wrist                  |
| M08.839 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified wrist           |
| M08.841 | Other juvenile arthritis, right hand                  |
| M08.842 | Other juvenile arthritis, left hand                   |
| M08.849 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified hand            |
| M08.851 | Other juvenile arthritis, right hip                   |
| M08.852 | Other juvenile arthritis, left hip                    |
| M08.859 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified hip             |
| M08.861 | Other juvenile arthritis, right knee                  |
| M08.862 | Other juvenile arthritis, left knee                   |
| M08.869 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified knee            |
| M08.871 | Other juvenile arthritis, right ankle and foot        |
| M08.872 | Other juvenile arthritis, left ankle and foot         |
| M08.879 | Other juvenile arthritis, unspecified ankle and foot  |
| M08.88  | Other juvenile arthritis, other specified site        |
| M08.89  | Other juvenile arthritis, multiple sites              |
| M08.9A  | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, other specified site |
| M08.911 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right shoulder       |
| M08.912 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left shoulder        |
| M08.919 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified shoulder |
| M08.921 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right elbow          |
| M08.922 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left elbow           |
| M08.929 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified elbow    |
| M08.931 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right wrist          |
| M08.932 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left wrist           |
| M08.939 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified wrist    |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description  |
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| M08.941 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right hand                 |
| M08.942 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left hand                  |
| M08.949 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified hand           |
| M08.951 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right hip                  |
| M08.952 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left hip                   |
| M08.959 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified hip            |
| M08.961 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right knee                 |
| M08.962 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left knee                  |
| M08.969 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified knee           |
| M08.971 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, right ankle and foot       |
| M08.972 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, left ankle and foot        |
| M08.979 | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, unspecified ankle and foot |
| M08.98  | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, vertebrae                  |
| M08.99  | Juvenile arthritis, unspecified, multiple sites             |
| R19.7   | Diarrhea, unspecified                                       |

## Intravenous

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description  |
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| K50.00  | Crohn's disease of small intestine without complications                |
| K50.011 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with rectal bleeding                 |
| K50.012 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with intestinal obstruction          |
| K50.013 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with fistula                         |
| K50.014 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with abscess                         |
| K50.018 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with other complication              |
| K50.019 | Crohn's disease of small intestine with unspecified complications       |
| K50.10  | Crohn's disease of large intestine without complications                |
| K50.111 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with rectal bleeding                 |
| K50.112 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with intestinal obstruction          |
| K50.113 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with fistula                         |
| K50.114 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with abscess                         |
| K50.118 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with other complication              |
| K50.119 | Crohn's disease of large intestine with unspecified complications       |
| K50.80  | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine without complications |
| K50.811 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with rectal bleeding  |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description   |
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| K50.812 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with intestinal obstruction    |
| K50.813 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with fistula                   |
| K50.814 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with abscess                   |
| K50.818 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with other complication        |
| K50.819 | Crohn's disease of both small and large intestine with unspecified complications |
| K50.90  | Crohn's disease, unspecified, without complications                              |
| K50.911 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with rectal bleeding                               |
| K50.912 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with intestinal obstruction                        |
| K50.913 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with fistula                                       |
| K50.914 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with abscess                                       |
| K50.918 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with other complication                            |
| K50.919 | Crohn's disease, unspecified, with unspecified complications                     |
| K51.00  | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis without complications                            |
| K51.011 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with rectal bleeding                             |
| K51.012 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with intestinal obstruction                      |
| K51.013 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with fistula                                     |
| K51.014 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with abscess                                     |
| K51.018 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with other complication                          |
| K51.019 | Ulcerative (chronic) pancolitis with unspecified complications                   |
| K51.20  | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis without complications                             |
| K51.211 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with rectal bleeding                              |
| K51.212 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with intestinal obstruction                       |
| K51.213 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with fistula                                      |
| K51.214 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with abscess                                      |
| K51.218 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with other complication                           |
| K51.219 | Ulcerative (chronic) proctitis with unspecified complications                    |
| K51.30  | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis without complications                      |
| K51.311 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with rectal bleeding                       |
| K51.312 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with intestinal obstruction                |
| K51.313 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with fistula                               |
| K51.314 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with abscess                               |
| K51.318 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with other complication                    |
| K51.319 | Ulcerative (chronic) rectosigmoiditis with unspecified complications             |
| K51.50  | Left sided colitis without complications   |

| ICD-10  | ICD-10 Description   |
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| K51.511 | Left sided colitis with rectal bleeding                        |
| K51.512 | Left sided colitis with intestinal obstruction                 |
| K51.513 | Left sided colitis with fistula                                |
| K51.514 | Left sided colitis with abscess                                |
| K51.518 | Left sided colitis with other complication                     |
| K51.519 | Left sided colitis with unspecified complications              |
| K51.80  | Other ulcerative colitis without complications                 |
| K51.811 | Other ulcerative colitis with rectal bleeding                  |
| K51.812 | Other ulcerative colitis with intestinal obstruction           |
| K51.813 | Other ulcerative colitis with fistula                          |
| K51.814 | Other ulcerative colitis with abscess                          |
| K51.818 | Other ulcerative colitis with other complication               |
| K51.819 | Other ulcerative colitis with unspecified complications        |
| K51.90  | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified, without complications         |
| K51.911 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with rectal bleeding           |
| K51.912 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with intestinal obstruction    |
| K51.913 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with fistula                   |
| K51.914 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with abscess                   |
| K51.918 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with other complication        |
| K51.919 | Ulcerative colitis, unspecified with unspecified complications |
| K52.1   | Toxic gastroenteritis and colitis                              |
| R19.7   | Diarrhea, unspecified  |

## Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.



Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

| Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Jurisdiction  | Applicable State/US Territory   | Contractor  |
| E (1)   | CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI  | Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC                |
| F (2 & 3)   | AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ  | Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC                |
| 5   | KS, NE, IA, MO  | Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS) |
| 6   | MN, WI, IL  | National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)          |
| H (4 & 7)   | LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM  | Novitas Solutions, Inc.                           |
| 8   | MI, IN  | Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS) |
| N (9)   | FL, PR, VI  | First Coast Service Options, Inc.                 |
| J (10)  | TN, GA, AL  | Palmetto GBA                                      |
| M (11)  | NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)  | Palmetto GBA                                      |
| L (12)  | DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA) | Novitas Solutions, Inc.                           |
| K (13 & 14)   | NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH  | National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)          |
| 15  | KY, OH  | CGS Administrators, LLC                           |