



MEDICATION POLICY

Generic Name: Omalizumab

Therapeutic Class or Brand Name: Xolair®

Applicable Drugs (if Therapeutic Class): N/A

Date of Origin: 7/27/15

Date Last Reviewed/Revised: 1/4/18

GPI Code: 4460306000

Prior Authorization Criteria (may be considered medically necessary when criteria I through II are met):

- I. Documented diagnosis of one of the following conditions A through B AND must meet criteria listed under applicable diagnosis:
 - A. Moderate to severe persistent asthma and ALL of criteria 1 through 4 are met:
 1. Documentation of a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen.
 2. Documentation that patient's symptoms are inadequately controlled with a high-dose inhaled corticosteroid used in combination with a long-acting inhaled beta-2 agonist.
 3. Documentation of pre-treatment serum IgE level of at least 30 IU/mL but not greater than the following (based on patient's age and weight):
 - a. Ages 12 years and older:
 - i. > 90 kg to 150 kg: 300 IU/ml.
 - ii. > 70 kg to 90 kg: 500 IU/ml.
 - iii. > 60 kg to 70 kg: 600 IU/ml.
 - iv. > 30 kg to 60 kg: 700 IU/ml.
 - b. Ages 6 years to 12 years:
 - i. > 90 kg to 150 kg: 300 IU/ml.
 - ii. > 70 kg to 90 kg: 500 IU/ml.
 - iii. > 60 kg to 70 kg: 600 IU/ml.
 - iv. > 50 kg to 60 kg: 700 IU/ml.
 - v. > 40 kg to 50 kg: 900 IU/ml.
 - vi. > 30 kg to 40 kg: 1,100 IU/ml.
 - vii. 20 kg to 30 kg: 1,300 IU/ml.
 4. Minimum age requirement: 6 years old

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- B. Chronic idiopathic urticaria and ALL of criteria 1 through 5 are met:
1. Documentation that a medical evaluation has been performed to rule out other possible causes of urticaria.
 2. Documentation that patient remains symptomatic with H1-antihistamine therapy taken at the maximally tolerated dose.
 3. Documented trial and failure of or contraindication to an H1-antihistamine used in combination with an H2-antihistamine.
 4. Documented trial and failure of or contraindication to an H1-antihistamine used in combination with a leukotriene receptor antagonist.
 5. Minimum age requirement: 12 years old.
- II. The prescriber is an allergist, dermatologist, immunologist, or pulmonologist.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Treatment of other allergic conditions or other forms of urticaria.
- Treatment of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.

Other Criteria:

- N/A

Quantity/Days Supply Restrictions:

- Asthma: Doses up to 375 mg every 2 weeks.
- Urticaria: Doses up to 300 mg every 4 weeks.

Approval Length:

- **Authorization:** 6 months.
- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing current medical necessity criteria are met and that the medication is effective.

Appendix:

N/A

References:

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<i>Historical Tracking Of Changes Made To Policy</i>	
<i>1/4/2018</i>	1. Changed "I. A. 3. Documentation of pre-treatment serum IgE level of at least 30 IU/mL but not greater than 700 IU/mL" to "I. A. 3. Documentation of pre-treatment serum IgE level of at least 30 IU/mL but not greater than the following (based on patient's age and weight): a. Ages 12 years and older: i. > 90 kg to 150 kg: 300 IU/ml; ii. > 70 kg to 90 kg: 500 IU/ml; iii. > 60 kg to 70 kg: 600 IU/ml; iv. > 30 kg to 60 kg: 700 IU/ml; b. Ages 6 years to 12 years: i. > 90 kg to 150 kg: 300 IU/ml; ii. > 70 kg to 90 kg: 500 IU/ml; iii. > 60 kg to 70 kg: 600 IU/ml; iv. > 50 kg to 60 kg: 700 IU/ml; v. > 40 kg to 50 kg: 900 IU/ml; vi. > 30 kg to 40 kg: 1,100 IU/ml; 20 kg to 30 kg: 1,300 IU/ml" under Prior Authorization Criteria.
<i>10/8/2016</i>	1. Changed "I. A. Moderate to severe persistent asthma and ALL of criteria 1 through 3 are met:...B. Chronic idiopathic urticaria and ALL of criteria 1 through 4 are met:... II. Minimum age requirement: 12 years old" to "I. A. Moderate to severe persistent asthma and ALL of criteria 1 through 4 are met:... 4. Minimum age requirement: 6 years old...B. Chronic idiopathic urticaria and ALL of criteria 1 through 5 are met:...5. Minimum age requirement: 12 years old" under Prior Authorization Criteria.

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