

Simponi Aria® (golimumab)

When requesting Simponi Aria® (golimumab), the individual requiring treatment must be diagnosed with an FDA-approved indication and meet the specific coverage guidelines and applicable safety criteria for the covered indication.

FDA-approved Indications

Simponi Aria is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.

Simponi Aria is indicated for the treatment of active psoriatic arthritis.

Simponi Aria is indicated for the treatment of active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

Simponi Aria is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with active ankylosing spondylitis.

Coverage Guidelines

Rheumatoid Arthritis

For an initial authorization, the individual must meet all of the following criteria:

- Has had a 3-month trial of at least one biologic agent (e.g., certolizumab, etanercept, adalimumab, infliximab, abatacept); OR
- Has had a 3-month trial of at least one conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide); AND
- Simponi Aria is prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist.

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

For an initial authorization, the individual must meet all of the following criteria:

- Has tried one other medication for this condition (e.g., methotrexate, sulfasalazine, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug [NSAID], adalimumab, abatacept, etanercept); OR
- Has aggressive disease; AND
- Simponi Aria is prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist.

Ankylosing Spondylitis

For an initial authorization, the individual must meet the following criteria:

- Simponi Aria is prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist.

Psoriatic Arthritis

For an initial authorization, the individual must meet the following criteria:

- Simponi Aria is prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist.

For re-authorization (for all indications), the individual must meet the following criteria:

- Has had a response to Simponi Aria therapy (e.g., decreased pain or stiffness, improved function or activities of daily living).

Approval duration (initial): 3 months

Approval duration (renewal): 12 months

Dosing Recommendation

Psoriatic Arthritis (18 years of age or older), Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis

Approve up to 2 mg/kg administered intravenously at weeks 0 and 4, then not more frequently than once every 8 weeks thereafter.

Psoriatic Arthritis (less than 18 years of age), Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

Approve up to 80 mg/m² administered intravenously at weeks 0 and 4, then not more frequently than once every 8 weeks thereafter.

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