

Pharmacy

INFLIXIMAB BIOSIMILAR

As previously communicated, effective August 1, 2018, WEA Trust will only cover Renflexis for new starts. The HCPCS code is Q5104.

At this time, existing users of Remicade and Inflectra will be grandfathered. For any questions please contact WEA Trust Director of Clinical Pharmacy, Alan Lukazewski, at 608.661.6676.

UPDATED APPROPRIATE USE CRITERIA FOR ANTI-INFLAMMATORY BIOLOGICS

Working collaboratively with State of Wisconsin rheumatologists, WEA Trust has updated our pre-authorization criteria to require the following:

1. *Methotrexate polyglutamate* blood levels in the therapeutic range with evidence of moderate to severe disease activity, as evidenced by CDAI and VECTRA DA, in order to have a biologic considered for coverage. This affects the following biologics used for rheumatoid arthritis: Humira, Enbrel, Xeljanz, Orencia, Actemra, and Infliximab (Renflexis). Orencia SQ requires prior TNFa inhibitor use since it is formulary non-preferred.
2. *Hydroxychloroquine* blood levels in the therapeutic range with evidence of moderate to severe disease activity, as evidenced by CDAI and VECTRA DA, in order to have a biologic considered for coverage. This affects the following biologics used for rheumatoid arthritis: Humira, Enbrel, Xeljanz, Orencia, Actemra, and Infliximab (Renflexis). Orencia SQ requires prior TNFa inhibitor use since it is a formulary non-preferred.

3. VECTRA DA (multi-biomarker of disease activity) is required as a marker of disease activity, as stated above, and required along with step therapy and therapeutic blood levels of either/or MTX PG and/or HCQ.

AVISE MTX PG and HCQ test can be obtained from Exagen Diagnostics, Inc. WEA Trust will reimburse Exagen Diagnostics, Inc. directly. For information on how to access AVISE testing, contact Exagen Diagnostics, Inc. Provider Relations at 888.452.1522, option 3.

CPT CODE as applied by EXAGEN	AVISE® Test
	AVISE MTX (AVISE Touch and Venipuncture)
84999 - PBD31	Chromatography Quant Mult (Quantification of intracellular methotrexate polyglutamates)
	AVISE HCQ (AVISE Touch and Venipuncture)
84999	Hydroxychloroquine concentration, whole blood, chromatography, quantitative HPLC, single stationary and mobile phases

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Sign up for the Provider Portal

Visit providerportal.weatrust.com. (You will need your employer-based email and provider TIN.)

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VECTRA DA can be obtained from Crescendo Bioscience, a division of Myriad Genetics, Inc.

CPT CODE as applied by MYRIAD	
	VECTRA DA
81490	Autoimmune (rheumatoid arthritis), analysis of 12 biomarkers using immunoassays, utilizing serum, prognostic algorithm reported as a disease activity score

UPDATES

Provider IVR – Now Available

WEA Trust now offers another way to access your patient information. You will be able to obtain Eligibility, Benefits and Claim Status information via our new provider IVR, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can also access this information on the WEA Trust Provider Portal, or contact our Customer Service department at 800.279.4090. ■

Vitamin D Assay Testing Policy

Starting January 1, 2019, WEA Trust will only cover Vitamin D Assay testing for specific diagnoses or in higher risk patients when results will be used to institute or monitor more aggressive therapy. Vitamin D Assay testing will no longer be covered for routine health checks, general screenings, or in the absence of specific diagnoses or risk factors. The current research available does not support general screening for Vitamin D deficiency at a population level. In addition, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) found no studies that evaluated the direct benefit of screening for Vitamin D deficiency in adults.

In October 2018 the new Vitamin D Assay Testing Policy will be published on the WEA Trust website in the Provider tab under Medical Policies. This policy will outline the diagnoses/conditions in which Vitamin D Assay testing will be covered. In addition, this policy will list the general utilization parameters for Vitamin D Assay testing. When submitting claims for Vitamin

D Assay Tests, be sure the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis code that reflects the specific reason for the test is listed and linked on the claim. Vitamin D Assay tests done for screening or in the absence of a diagnosis/condition listed in the policy will be denied as not medically appropriate and provider liability for network providers. ■

REMINDERS

DRG Grouper Adjustment- Inpatient Transfer to Another Acute Care Hospital

As a reminder, WEA Trust follows Medicare regulations for coding and billing, including adjustment for reimbursement of DRG Groupers for inpatient short length stays due to transfers to another acute care hospital. IOM 100-04 Chapter 3 Sections, 20.1.2.4 and 40.2.4 (A), states when a hospital inpatient is discharged to another acute care hospital, payment to the transferring hospital is based upon a graduated per diem rate of the DRG. Payment is made to the final discharging hospital at the full DRG/Grouper rate per contract. This per diem reimbursement rate due to transfers to another acute care hospital only applies to transferring hospitals that utilize a DRG Grouper for reimbursement of inpatient stays. ■

Provider Changes

Network providers are responsible for notifying WEA Trust of any updates to their provider organization, business practice, or practitioners. All changes must be approved by WEA Trust. Please provide at least 30 days prior notice of any changes including, but not limited to:

- ▶ Change in ownership, operations, or incorporation status
- ▶ Change in Tax ID number or legal business name
- ▶ Acquisition of other medical practice or entity
- ▶ Change in accreditation, licensure or eligibility status
- ▶ Change in billing or other contact information

- ▶ Change in service location
- ▶ Practitioner joining or leaving your organization
- ▶ Change in practitioner name, credentials, or specialty ■

CREDENTIALING

CredSimple

Contracted providers must complete the WEA Trust credentialing process and receive approval for network participation prior to rendering services to WEA Trust members. Services provided before the successful completion of the credentialing process will be denied and may not be billed to the member.

WEA Trust has recently partnered with CredSimple for the collection and verification of provider credentialing data. CredSimple is an NCQA-certified Credentials Verification Organization and is compliant with all CMS credentialing requirements. By partnering with CredSimple, we are able to provide a technology-driven, streamlined credentialing process for network providers and applicants.

To facilitate the initial and recredentialing processes, we recommend that all participating providers maintain an up-to-date profile with CAQH ProView. Available at no cost to you, CAQH ProView eliminates duplicative paperwork by providing a centralized source of data for the healthcare organizations that require your professional and practice information. On average, providers with complete and up-to-date CAQH profiles will receive a credentialing decision within 30 to 60 days. Incomplete or non-compliant applications will delay the credentialing and network enrollment process.

Providers without a CAQH profile can learn more and register for a profile at www.caqh.org/solutions/caqh-proview.

Providers who already have a CAQH profile should periodically update and confirm the accuracy of their profile by logging on to the CAQH portal at <https://proview.caqh.org/login>.

Review the following required elements to confirm that all information is accurate and up-to-date:

Requirement	What to Check
Professional and Practice Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credentialing contact information (name of contact, email address, phone and fax numbers.) • Practice addresses. • State, DEA and other licenses.
Attestation (signature)	CAQH profile data has been attested to within the past 120 days.
Work History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile includes five years of work history, or, if practitioner has less than five years of professional experience, all work history from date of initial licensure. • Profile includes an explanation for any employment gaps of six months or more.
Disclosure Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All disclosure questions are complete. • A full explanation is provided for any question answered 'Yes'.
Malpractice Coverage	Profile includes current professional liability insurance coverage which meets or exceeds the minimum coverage limits as mandated by state law for your profession.

During the initial and recredentialing processes, CredSimple may contact you via fax, email or phone to address incomplete or non-compliant applications. Please provide a timely response to CredSimple, as requested, to avoid delays in processing your application and/or interruption of your network participation status. ■



Did you know that you can review and print messages sent to WEA Trust via the portal?

- ▶ Click Messages in the top right hand of the screen
- ▶ Click on Sent
- ▶ Click on the message you want to review. From there you can either review the message that you sent or you have the option to print the message for your records. Just click on the printer icon to print.



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IMPORTANT UPDATES ENCLOSED

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