

<b>Clinical Policy Title:</b>	vedolizumab
<b>Policy Number:</b>	RxA.735
<b>Drug(s) Applied:</b>	Entyvio®
<b>Original Policy Date:</b>	04/18/2022
<b>Last Review Date:</b>	12/11/2025
<b>Line of Business Policy Applies to:</b>	All lines of business (except Medicare)

## Criteria

### I. Initial Approval Criteria

#### A. Crohn's Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Crohn's Disease (CD);
2. Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: adalimumab (Abrilada™, Hadlima™, or adalimumab-aaty), Cimzia®, Skyrizi®, ustekinumab (Steqeyma, Yesintek), or Rinvoq, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Trial and failure of a ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional systemic therapy (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine [6-MP], methotrexate [MTX]), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
  - b. Trial and failure of corticosteroid treatment (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone, budesonide), unless contraindicated or significant adverse effects experienced.

#### Approval Duration

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare):** 12 months

#### B. Ulcerative Colitis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Ulcerative Colitis (UC);
2. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Trial and failure of ≥ 3 months of at least one (1) conventional agent (azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, aminosalicylate), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
  - b. Trial and failure of corticosteroids treatment (e.g., prednisone, methylprednisolone, budesonide), unless contraindicated or significant adverse effects are experienced;
3. Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: adalimumab (Abrilada™, Hadlima™, or adalimumab-aaty), Simponi®, ustekinumab (Steqeyma, Yesintek), Rinvoq®, Xeljanz®/XR, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

#### Approval Duration

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare):** 12 months

### II. Continued Therapy Approval

#### A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

This clinical policy has been developed to authorize, modify, or determine coverage for individuals with similar conditions. Specific care and treatment may vary depending on individual need and benefits covered by the plan. This policy is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine, nor does it constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. This document may contain prescription brand name drugs that are trademarks of pharmaceutical manufacturers that are not affiliated with RxAdvance.

1. Auto-approval based on lookback functionality within the past 120 days as a proxy for member responding positively to therapy.

**Approval Duration**

**All Lines of Business (except Medicare):** 12 months

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Review/Revision History	Review/Revision Date	P&T Approval Date
RxA.592.Bilogic_DMARDs was last reviewed and updated on 01/05/2022 and archived on 04/18/2022. For details, please refer to RxA.592.Bilogics_DMARDs.	01/05/2022	04/18/2022
Drug specific policy for Entyvio was created based on RxA.592.Bilogics_DMARDs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.4: Updated to remove Medical justification supports inability to use immunomodulators (see Appendix D).</li> <li>2. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.5: Updated trial and failure criteria from Failure of two (2) of the following for ≥ 3 months: Humira®, Cimzia®, Inflectra®, Renflexis™, Stelara®, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced to Trial and failure of at least one (2) of the following agents: Cimzia®, Humira® or Stelara® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.</li> <li>3. Initial Approval Criteria, I.B.5: Updated trial and failure criteria from Failure of two (2) of the following: Inflectra®, Renflexis™, Simponi®,</li> </ol>	02/14/2022	04/18/2022

<p>Stelara®, Humira® or Xeljanz®/Xeljanz XR®, each used for ≥ 3 months unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced to Trial and failure of at least two (2) of the following agents: Humira®, Simponi® or Stelara® unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;</p> <p>4. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.6 and I.B.6: Updated dosing criteria from Dose does not exceed maximum dose indicated in background to Dose does not exceed 300 mg per dose.</p> <p>5. References were reviewed and updated.</p>		
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <p>1. Initial Approval Criteria, I.A.6 and I.B.7: Updated dosing criteria from Dose does not exceed 300 mg per dose to Dose does not exceed 300 mg at weeks 0, 2, and 6, followed by maintenance dose of 300 mg every 8 weeks.</p> <p>2. Initial Approval Criteria, I.B.4: Updated to include new documentation criteria, Documentation of a Mayo Score ≥ 6.</p> <p>3. Initial Approval Criteria I.A.5: Updated to add Amjevita™ and Syrizi® as trial and failure options.</p> <p>4. Initial Approval Criteria I.B.6: Updated to add Amjevita™, Rinvoq®, Xeljanz®/XR as trial and failure options.</p> <p>5. References were reviewed and updated.</p>	03/27/2023	04/13/2023
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <p>1. Removed prior age criteria.</p> <p>2. Removed prior dosing criteria.</p> <p>3. Updated trial and failure criteria to include Humira biosimilar.</p> <p>4. Updated approval duration.</p> <p>5. Removed reauthorization requirement for positive response to therapy.</p> <p>6. References were reviewed and updated.</p>	12/13/2023	01/01/2024
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <p>1. Removed: “Exception: If one biologic DMARD that is FDA-approved for ulcerative colitis has been previously tried, then trial of a conventional systemic agent is not required”</p>	3/1/2024	3/1/2024
<p>Policy was reviewed:</p> <p>1. Added Rinvoq to trial and failure for CD</p>	8/26/2024	09/12/2024

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Removed prescriber specialty.</li> <li>3. Removed Mayo score from UC.</li> </ul>		
Policy was reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update Humira biosims to covered formulary alternatives: Abrilada, Hadlima, adalimumab-aaty</li> </ul>	2/13/2025	
Policy was reviewed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Updated ustekinumab biosimilars.</u></li> </ul>	07/01/2025	N/A
Policy reviewed.	12/11/2025	12/11/2025