MEDICARE FORM

Avsola™ (infliximab-axxq) Injectable Medication Precertification Request

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For Medicare Advantage Part B:
Phone: 1-866-503-0857 (**TTY:** 711)
FAX: 1-844-268-7263

For other lines of business:
Please use other form.

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Please indicate: ☐ Start of treatment: Start date ____/____/____
☐ Continuation of therapy: Date of last treatment ____/____/____

Precertification Requested By: ______________________ Phone: ____________ Fax: ____________

A. PATIENT INFORMATION

First Name:			Last Name:		
Address:			City:	State:	ZIP:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:		Cell Phone:		
DOB:	Allergies:		E-mail:		

Current Weight: ________ lbs or ________ kgs Height: ________ inches or ________ cms

B. INSURANCE INFORMATION

Aetna Member ID #: ____________
Group #: ____________
Insured: ____________

Does patient have other coverage? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, provide ID#: ____________ Carrier Name: ____________
Insured: ____________

Medicare: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide ID #: ____________ **Medicaid**: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide ID #: ____________

C. PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

First Name:		Last Name:	*(Check One)*: ☐ M.D. ☐ D.O. ☐ N.P. ☐ P.A.		
Address:			City:	State:	ZIP:
Phone:	Fax:	St Lic #:	NPI #:	DEA #:	UPIN:
Provider E-mail:		Office Contact Name:			Phone:

Specialty *(Check one)*: ☐ **Dermatologist** ☐ **Gastroenterologist** ☐ **Rheumatologist** ☐ **Other**: ____________

D. DISPENSING PROVIDER/ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Place of Administration:
☐ Self-administered ☐ Physician's Office
☐ Outpatient Infusion Center Phone: ____________
Center Name: ____________
☐ Home Infusion Center Phone: ____________
Agency Name: ____________
☐ Administration code(s) (CPT): ____________
Address: ____________
City: ____________ State: ______ ZIP: ______
Phone: ____________ Fax: ____________
TIN: ____________ PIN: ____________
NPI: ____________

Dispensing Provider/Pharmacy: *Patient Selected choice*
☐ Physician's Office ☐ Retail Pharmacy
☐ Specialty Pharmacy ☐ Other ____________
Name: ____________
Address: ____________
City: ____________ State: ______ ZIP: ______
Phone: ____________ Fax: ____________
TIN: ____________ PIN: ____________
NPI: ____________

E. PRODUCT INFORMATION

Request is for: Avsola (infliximab-axxq)
Dose: ____________ **Frequency:** ____________ **HCPCS Code:** ____________

F. DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION – Please indicate primary ICD Code and specify any other where applicable.

Primary ICD Code: ____________ Secondary ICD Code: ____________ Other ICD Code: ____________

G. CLINICAL INFORMATION – Required clinical information must be completed in its entirety for all precertification requests.

For Initiation Requests (clinical documentation required for all requests):

Note: Avsola is non-preferred. The preferred products for MA plans are Entyvio, Inflectra, Remicade, Simponi Aria, and unbranded infliximab. For MAPD plans, Inflectra, Entyvio, Remicade, and unbranded infliximab are preferred for ulcerative colitis and Enbrel, Humira, Kevzara, Otezla, Rinvoq, Skyrizi, Stelara, Tremfya and Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR are preferred for other indications. Preferred products vary based on indication.

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient had prior therapy with Avsola (infliximab-axxq) within the last 365 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient had a trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to any of the following? (select all that apply)
☐ Entyvio (vedolizumab) ☐ Inflectra (infliximab-dyyb) ☐ Remicade (infliximab) ☐ Simponi Aria (golimumab) ☐ Unbranded infliximab

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient had a trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to any of the following? (select all that apply)
☐ Enbrel (etanercept) ☐ Humira (adalimumab) ☐ Kevzara (sarilumab) ☐ Otezla (apremilast) ☐ Rinvoq (upadacitinib)
☐ Skyrizi (risankizumab-rzaa) ☐ Stelara (ustekinumab) ☐ Tremfya (guselkumab) ☐ Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib)

Please explain if there are any other medical reason(s) that the patient cannot use any of the following preferred products when indicated for the patient's diagnosis (select all the apply)
☐ Entyvio (vedolizumab) ☐ Inflectra (infliximab-dyyb) ☐ Remicade (infliximab) ☐ Simponi Aria (golimumab) ☐ Unbranded infliximab

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☐ Enbrel (etanercept) ☐ Humira (adalimumab) ☐ Kevzara (sarilumab) ☐ Otezla (apremilast) ☐ Rinvoq (upadacitinib)
☐ Skyrizi (risankizumab-rzaa) ☐ Stelara (ustekinumab) ☐ Tremfya (guselkumab) ☐ Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib)

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For All Requests (clinical documentation required for all requests):

☐ Yes ☐ No Will the requested drug be used in combination with any other biologic or targeted synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g., Olumiant, Xeljanz)?

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient received a biologic or targeted synthetic DMARD (e.g., Rinvoq, Xeljanz) in the past?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient been tested for TB with a PPD test, interferon-release assay (IGRA) or chest x-ray within 6 months of initiating a biologic therapy?
→ (Check all that apply): ☐ PPD test ☐ interferon-gamma assay (IGRA) ☐ chest x-ray
Please enter the results of the TB test: ☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ unknown
If positive, Does the patient have latent or active TB? ☐ latent ☐ active ☐ unknown
If latent TB, ☐ Yes ☐ No Has treatment for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection been initiated or completed?
→ Please select: ☐ treatment initiated ☐ treatment completed
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have risk factors for TB?
☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient been tested for tuberculosis (TB) within the previous 12 months?
→ (Check all that apply): ☐ PPD test ☐ interferon-gamma assay (IGRA) ☐ chest x-ray
Please enter the results of the TB test: ☐ positive ☐ negative ☐ unknown
→ ***If positive,*** Does the patient have latent or active TB? ☐ latent ☐ active ☐ unknown
If latent TB, ☐ Yes ☐ No Has treatment for latent tuberculosis (TB) infection been initiated or completed?
→ Please select: ☐ treatment initiated ☐ treatment completed

For Initiation Requests:

Ankylosing Spondylitis and Other Spondyloarthropathies

Please select which of the following applies to the patient: ☐ Ankylosing spondylitis ☐ Other spondyloarthropathy
☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?
☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence of inflammatory disease?
☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient had an ineffective response to two or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)?
→ Please provide the names and length of treatment:
NSAID #1: ______________________________
NSAID #2: ______________________________

Behcet's Disease

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the disease refractory to corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs?
→ Please indicate: ☐ corticosteroids ☐ immunosuppressive drugs
Please provide the name of drug tried: ______________________________

Behcet's Uveitis

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the disease refractory?

Chronic Cutaneous/Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient remained symptomatic despite treatment with steroids?
→ Please provide the daily dose of steroids: Dose: _____mg

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient remained symptomatic despite treatment with immunosuppressants?
→ Please select: ☐ azathioprine ☐ cyclophosphamide ☐ methotrexate ☐ Other, please explain: ______________

Crohn's Disease

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a diagnosis of fistulizing Crohn's disease?
→ Please indicate how long the patient has been diagnosed with fistulizing Crohn's disease:
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a diagnosis of Crohn's disease?
→ Please indicate the severity of the patient's disease: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of active Crohn's disease?
→ Please select all signs/symptoms that apply:
☐ abdominal pain ☐ arthritis ☐ bleeding ☐ diarrhea ☐ internal fistulae ☐ intestinal obstruction
☐ megacolon ☐ perianal disease ☐ spondylitis ☐ weight loss ☐ None of the above
☐ Yes ☐ No Have the Crohn's disease symptoms remained active despite treatment with 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine, or corticosteroids?
→ Please check all medications that apply: ☐ 6-mercaptopurine ☐ azathioprine
☐ corticosteroids- please identify: ☐ prednisone ☐ hydrocortisone ☐ methylprednisolone ☐ Other: ____________

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Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Please indicate the stage of hidradenitis suppurativa: ☐ Hurley stage I (mild disease) ☐ Hurley stage II (moderate disease) ☐ Hurley stage III (severe disease) ☐ Unknown

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient completed a trial of antibiotics?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a contraindication to oral antibiotics?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with antibiotics ineffective?
→ Please indicate the duration of the medication trial: ☐ Less than 1 month ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months (90 days) or greater

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Induced Toxicities

Please indicate therapy used:
☐ CTLA-4
Please select drug: ☐ ipilimumab ☐ Other: ____________
☐ PD-1
Please select drug: ☐ nivolumab ☐ pembrolizumab ☐ Other: ____________
☐ PD-L1
Please select drug: ☐ atezolizumab ☐ avelumab ☐ durvalumab ☐ Other: ____________
☐ Other
Please explain: ____________
☐ Yes ☐ No Do the immune checkpoint inhibitor-induced toxicities persist despite discontinuation of immune checkpoint inhibitors that target CTLA-4 or PD-1/PD-L1 (e.g., atezolizumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab, pembrolizumab)?

Please indicate the toxicity, (check all that apply):

☐ Cardiac Which life-threatening immune checkpoint inhibitor-induced cardiac toxicities does the patient have?
Please select: ☐ arrhythmias ☐ impaired ventricular function ☐ myocarditis ☐ pericarditis
☐ Colitis Please indicate the severity of the immune checkpoint inhibitor-induced colitis. ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe
Please indicate which of the following symptoms the patient exhibits: ☐ 7 or more stools per day over baseline ☐ ileus ☐ fever ☐ None
☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient been treated with corticosteroids?
→ Please indicate the corticosteroid name: ____________
☐ Yes ☐ No Did the patient show improvement after 48 hours of corticosteroids?

Please indicate the toxicity, (check all that apply):

☐ Elevated serum creatinine/acute renal failure
Please indicate the severity of the disease:
☐ Severe (creatinine greater than 3 times baseline or greater than 4 mg/dL)
☐ Life-threatening (creatinine greater than 6 times baseline; dialysis indicated)
☐ None of the above
☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient been treated with corticosteroids?
→ Please indicate the name and length of therapy: Name: ____________ Length: ☐ Less than 1 week ☐ 1 week or greater
☐ Yes ☐ No Did the creatinine level remain greater than 2 to 3 times above baseline after 1 week of treatment with corticosteroids?
☐ Inflammatory arthritis
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have refractory or severe disease? ☐ refractory disease ☐ severe disease
☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient responding to corticosteroids or anti-inflammatory agents? ☐ anti-inflammatory agents ☐ corticosteroids
☐ Pneumonitis
Please indicate the severity of the disease: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe
☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient been treated with corticosteroids for pneumonitis?
→ Please indicate the corticosteroid name: ____________
☐ Yes ☐ No Did the patient show improvement after 48 hours of corticosteroids?

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis)

Please indicate the severity of the patient's disease: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have clinical documentation of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JRA)?
☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?

Noninfectious Uveitis

☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with corticosteroids ineffective?
→ Please indicate the corticosteroid name: ____________
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with immunosuppressive drugs (e.g., azathioprine, cyclosporine, or methotrexate) ineffective?
→ Please provide the name: ____________
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a documented intolerance to corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs?
→ Please indicate the drug(s) the patient has intolerance to: ☐ corticosteroids ☐ immunosuppressive drugs
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a documented contraindication to corticosteroids or immunosuppressive drugs?
→ Please indicate the drug(s) the patient has contraindication to: ☐ corticosteroids ☐ immunosuppressive drugs

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Plaque Psoriasis

Please indicate the severity of the patient's disease: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe
☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?
☐ Yes ☐ No Is there clinical documentation of chronic disease?
☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient a candidate for systemic therapy or phototherapy?
→ Please select: ☐ phototherapy ☐ systemic therapy ☐ phototherapy and systemic therapy
Please provide the patient's Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score: _____
Please indicate the percentage of body surface area affected by plaque psoriasis: _____%
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the plaque psoriasis involve sensitive areas? ***If yes***, please select: ☐ hands ☐ feet ☐ face ☐ genitals
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the trial with systemic conventional DMARD(s) (e.g., methotrexate, acetretin, or cyclosporine) ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the trial with systemic conventional DMARD(s) not tolerated?
☐ Yes ☐ No Are systemic conventional DMARDs contraindicated?
→ Please select: ☐ acetretin ☐ cyclosporine ☐ methotrexate ☐ mycophenolate ☐ None of the above
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the trial with phototherapy ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the trial with phototherapy not tolerated?
☐ Yes ☐ No Is phototherapy contraindicated?
→ Please check all that apply: ☐ Psoralens (methoxsalen, trioxsalen) with UVA light (PUVA)
☐ UVB with coal tar or dithranol
☐ UVB (standard or narrow-band)
☐ Home UVB
☐ None of the above
Please indicate the length of trial: ☐ Less than 1 month ☐ 1 month ☐ 2 months ☐ 3 months or greater

Psoriatic Arthritis

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have **axial** psoriatic arthritis?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with 2 or more non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) ineffective?
→ Please provide the names and length of treatment:
NSAID #1: ______________________________
NSAID #2: ______________________________
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have **non-axial** psoriatic arthritis?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have severe disease at presentation, defined as severe disability at onset with erosive disease involving multiple joints?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with methotrexate ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with methotrexate not tolerated or contraindicated?
→ Please select: ☐ not tolerated ☐ contraindicated
☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with another conventional DMARD ineffective?
→ Please select: ☐ cyclophosphamide ☐ cyclosporine
☐ hydroxychloroquine ☐ leflunomide
☐ sulfasalazine ☐ Other, please explain: __________

Pyoderma Gangrenosum

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of refractory pyoderma gangrenosum?

Reactive Arthritis (Reiter's syndrome) or Inflammatory Bowel Disease Arthritis (Enteropathic Arthritis)

Please select which applies to the patient: ☐ reactive arthritis (Reiter's syndrome) ☐ inflammatory bowel disease arthritis (enteropathic arthritis)
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with methotrexate ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with methotrexate not tolerated?
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a contraindication to methotrexate?
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with sulfasalazine ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with sulfasalazine not tolerated?
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a contraindication to sulfasalazine?
☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was the treatment with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) not tolerated?
☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient have a contraindication to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)?
Please provide the name: ______________________________

Retinal Vasculitis

☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with a conventional DMARD ineffective?
→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with a conventional DMARD not tolerated or contraindicated? ☐ not tolerated ☐ contraindicated

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Rheumatoid Arthritis

Please indicate the severity of the patient's rheumatoid arthritis: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?

☐ Yes ☐ No Will the patient be using Remicade (infliximab) in combination with methotrexate?

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with methotrexate ineffective?

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with methotrexate not tolerated or contraindicated? ☐ not tolerated ☐ contraindicated

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with another conventional DMARD (other than methotrexate) ineffective?

→ Please select: ☐ azathioprine ☐ hydroxychloroquine ☐ leflunomide ☐ sulfasalazine

Sarcoidosis

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the disease refractory to corticosteroids?

Ulcerative Colitis

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient hospitalized with active fulminant ulcerative colitis?

→ Please indicate the severity of the patient's ulcerative colitis: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe

☐ Yes ☐ No Is there evidence that the disease is active?

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient refractory to immunosuppression with corticosteroids (e.g., hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone)?

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Does the patient require continuous immunosuppression with corticosteroids (e.g., hydrocortisone, methylprednisolone, prednisone)?

→ Name and dose: Name: ________________ Dose: ________________

Please indicate the route: ☐ Oral ☐ IV

Name and dose: Name: ________________ Dose: ________________

→ Please indicate the route: ☐ Oral ☐ IV

☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with immunosuppressant agent (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine) ineffective?

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with immunosuppressant agent (e.g., azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine) not tolerated or contraindicated?

→ Please select: ☐ not tolerated ☐ contraindicated

→ Please select: ☐ 6-mercaptopurine ☐ azathioprine ☐ cyclosporine

☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with 5-aminosalicylic acid agents (e.g., balsalazide, mesalamine, sulfasalazine) ineffective?

→ ☐ Yes ☐ No Was treatment with 5-aminosalicylic acid agents (e.g., balsalazide, mesalamine, sulfasalazine) not tolerated or contraindicated?

→ Please select: ☐ not tolerated ☐ contraindicated

→ Please select: ☐ Colazal (balsalazide) ☐ Ariso, Asacal, Delzicol, Lialda, Pentasa, Rowasa, Canasa (mesalamine) ☐ Azulfidine (sulfasalazine) ☐ Other, please explain: ________________

→ Please select the symptoms the patient exhibit: ☐ more than 10 stools per day ☐ continuous bleeding ☐ abdominal pain ☐ distension ☐ acute, severe toxic symptoms, including fever and anorexia

For Continuation Requests:

☐ Yes ☐ No Is the patient currently receiving the requested drug through samples or a manufacturer's patient assistance program?

☐ Yes ☐ No Has the patient achieved or maintained positive clinical response as evidenced by low disease activity or improvement in signs and symptoms since starting treatment with the requested drug?

H. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Request Completed By *(Signature Required):* ________________________ **Date:** ____/____/____

Any person who knowingly files a request for authorization of coverage of a medical procedure or service with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company by providing materially false information or conceals material information for the purpose of misleading, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

The plan may request additional information or clarification, if needed, to evaluate requests.