# Drug Coverage Policy

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# Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Preferred Specialty Management Policy for Employer Plans: Standard/ Performance, Value/Advantage, Legacy, Total Savings Prescription Drug Lists

- Zeposia® (ozanimod capsules – Celgene/Bristol Myers Squibb)

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**Overview**
Zeposia, a sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor modulator, is indicated for the following uses:[1]

- **Relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis**, to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease in adults.
- **Ulcerative colitis**, in adults with moderately to severely active disease.

For more information on criteria within a Prior Authorization program by specific condition, refer to the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy.*

**Employer Plans Preferred and Non-Preferred Products.¥**

| | Multiple Sclerosis | Ulcerative Colitis |
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| **Step 1**<br>**Preferred** | • Zeposia | • **Adalimumab Product** (**adalimumab-adaz/Hyrimoz** [by Sandoz/Novartis], **Adalimumab – adbm/Cyltezo**, **adalimumab-ryvk/Simlandi**, or **Humira** [by AbbVie])<br>• **Skyrizi SC (on-body injector)**<br>• **Stelara SC**<br>• **Zymfentra** |
| **Step 2**<br>**Non-Preferred**<br>(directed to **TWO** Step 1 Products) | -- | • Zeposia |

¥ For Non-Preferred Adalimumab Products, refer to the *Inflammatory Conditions – Adalimumab Products Preferred Specialty Management Policy*. ^ A trial of more than one adalimumab product counts as ONE Preferred Product; SC – Subcutaneous.

**POLICY STATEMENT**
The Inflammatory Conditions program has been developed to encourage the use of the Preferred Products. For all medications, this program requires the patient to meet the respective standard *Prior Authorization Policy* criteria. Additionally, this program requires trial(s) of the Preferred Product(s) according to the table above, when clinically appropriate, prior to the approval of the Non-Preferred Products. There are also situations when trials of Non-Preferred Products will be considered; see criteria below. Other details of the program are as follows:

- **Continuation of Therapy:** Approval for a patient continuing therapy with a **Non-Preferred** (subcutaneous or oral) Product must be supported with verification, noted in the criteria as either **[verification in prescription claims history required]** or, if not available, as **[verification by prescriber required]**.
  - If the patient has at least 130 days of prescription claims history on file, claims history must support that the patient has received the Non-Preferred Product for the specified period of time (90 or 120 days) within a 130-day look-back period; OR
  - When 130 days of the patient's prescription claim history file is unavailable for verification, the prescriber must verify that the patient has been receiving the Non-Preferred Product

for a specified period of time (90 or 120 days), AND that the patient has been receiving the Non-Preferred Product via paid claims (e.g., patient has not been receiving samples or coupons or other types of waivers in order to obtain access to the Non-Preferred Product).
    - For a patient continuing therapy, other conditions may also apply. Refer to criteria below.
- **Approval Duration:** All approvals for continuation of therapy for Preferred and Non-Preferred Products are provided for 1 year unless noted otherwise below. In cases where the initial approval is authorized in months, 1 month is equal to 30 days.

## Medical Necessity Criteria

**RECOMMENDED EXCEPTION CRITERIA**

| Non-Preferred Product | Exception Criteria |
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| **Zeposia** | **1. Multiple Sclerosis.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy* criteria.<br><br>**2. Ulcerative Colitis – Initial Therapy.**<br>**A)** Approve for 6 months if the patient meets BOTH of the following (i and ii):<br>**i.** Patient meets the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy* criteria; AND<br>**ii.** Patient has tried TWO of an adalimumab product, Skyrizi subcutaneous, Stelara subcutaneous, and Zymfentra. Note: Examples of adalimumab products include Humira, Abrilada, adalimumab-aacf, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-adbm, adalimumab-fkjp, adalimumab-aaty, adalimumab-ryvk, Simlandi, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, and Yusimry. A trial of an infliximab intravenous product (e.g., Remicade, biosimilars), Simponi subcutaneous, Entyvio intravenous or subcutaneous, Omvoh intravenous or subcutaneous, Skyrizi intravenous, or Stelara intravenous also counts.<br>**B)** If the patient has met criterion 2Ai (the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy* criteria), but criterion 2Aii is not met, a request for a Preferred Product may be reviewed (Humira [NDCs starting with 00074], adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-adbm, Cyltezo, Hyrimoz [NDCs starting with 61314], adalimumab-ryvk, Simlandi, Skyrizi subcutaneous (on-body injector), Stelara subcutaneous, Zymfentra) using the respective standard *Inflammatory Conditions Prior Authorization Policy* criteria.<br>**3. Ulcerative Colitis – Patient is Currently Receiving Zeposia.**<br>**A)** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets BOTH of the following (i and ii):<br>**i.** Patient meets the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy* criteria; AND<br>**ii.** Patient meets ONE of the following conditions (a or b):<br>**a)** Patient has tried TWO of an adalimumab product, Skyrizi subcutaneous, Stelara subcutaneous, and Zymfentra; OR |

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| | Note: Examples of adalimumab products include Humira, Abrilada, adalimumab-aacf, adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-adbm, adalimumab-fkjp, adalimumab-aaty, adalimumab-ryvk, Simlandi, Amjevita, Cyltezo, Hadlima, Hulio, Hyrimoz, Idacio, Yuflyma, and Yusimry. A trial of an infliximab intravenous product (e.g., Remicade, biosimilars), Simponi subcutaneous, Entyvio intravenous or subcutaneous, Omvoh intravenous or subcutaneous, Skyrizi intravenous, or Stelara intravenous or also counts.<br>**b)** Patient has been established on Zeposia for at least 90 days and prescription claims history indicates at least a 90-day supply of Zeposia was dispensed within the past 130 days **[verification in prescription claims history required]** if claims history is not available, according to the prescriber **[verification by prescriber required]**.<br>Note: In cases where 130 days of the patient's prescription claim history file is unavailable to be verified, an exception to this requirement is allowed if the prescriber has verified that the patient has been receiving Zeposia for at least 90 days AND the patient has been receiving Zeposia via paid claims (e.g., patient has not been receiving samples or coupons or other types of waivers in order to obtain access to Zeposia).<br>**B)** If the patient has met criterion 3Ai (the standard *Multiple Sclerosis and Ulcerative Colitis – Zeposia Prior Authorization Policy* criteria), but criterion 3Aii is not met, a request for a Preferred Product may be reviewed (Humira [NDCs starting with 00074], adalimumab-adaz, adalimumab-adbm, Cyltezo, Hyrimoz [NDCs starting with 61314], adalimumab-ryvk, Simlandi, Skyrizi subcutaneous (on-body injector), Stelara subcutaneous, Zymfentra) using the respective standard *Inflammatory Conditions Prior Authorization Policy* criteria. |

When coverage is available and medically necessary, the dosage, frequency, duration of therapy, and site of care should be reasonable, clinically appropriate, and supported by evidence-based literature and adjusted based upon severity, alternative available treatments, and previous response to therapy.

Receipt of sample product does not satisfy any criteria requirements for coverage.

## References


1. Zeposia® capsules [prescribing information]. Princeton, NJ: Celgene/Bristol Myers Squibb; August 2023.


## Revision Details

| Type of Revision | Summary of Changes | Date |
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| New | New policy | 12/01/2024 |

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