

**Policy Name:** Kevzara (sarilumab)**Policy#:** 2592P**Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to define coverage criteria for Kevzara (sarilumab).

**Statement of the Policy**

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Kevzara (sarilumab) under the specialty pharmacy benefit if the following criteria are met.

**Criteria****1. Coverage Criteria for Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)**

1.1 See Rheumatoid Arthritis Immunomodulator Therapies policy

**2. Coverage Criteria for Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR)**

2.1 Diagnosis of active polymyalgia rheumatica

2.2 Age 18 years or older

2.3 Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist (musculoskeletal doctor)

2.4 Documented trial and failure, intolerance or contraindication to glucocorticoids (prednisone 15mg/day or equivalent)

**3. Approval Period**

3.1 Initial: 12 months

3.2 Reauthorization: 12 months with documented benefit from therapy

**References**

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