ENHANCED SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST: Ankylosing Spondylitis

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan is administered by the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP).
2. Please have your physician indicate whether this is an **INITIAL** enhanced special authorization request, a medication **CHANGE** request or a **RENEWAL** request by checking the appropriate box below and then completing **ONLY** the noted sections.
3. Part 2 must be completed by a specialist in the area of treatment.
4. Please be aware that as the plan member, you are responsible for any fees charged by your physician/specialist for the completion of this form. Form fees for enhanced special authorization requests are not covered by your plan.
5. Please have your physician submit the completed form to ASEBP by fax at 888-895-6837 or by email at SpecAuthHS@asebp.ca.
6. If you or your physician have any questions about the enhanced special authorization process, please contact the enhanced special authorization information line at 1-877-431-4786 ext. 4780.

TYPE OF REQUEST:

❑ Initial (complete Part 1, Part 2 A-E , plus physician signature)	❑ Change (complete Part 1, Part 2 A-E, plus physician signature)	❑ Renewal (complete Part 1, Part 2 A and F, plus physician signature)

Part 1: Patient Information *(to be completed by **patient**)*

A. Patient Information

Last name:	First name:	ARTA Benefits ID:

Address:	Date of birth (YYYY/MM/DD):

City:	Province:	Postal code:	Phone: ( )

If you (the patient) are someone other than the plan member, please indicate your relation to the plan member:

❑ Spouse ❑ Dependant

NOTE: Important notifications about your renewal will ***only*** be sent to the plan member email address used to register with the ARTA Members Health Care Account. To register, visit www.arta.net, click ARTA Members Health Care Account and follow the prompts.

Coordination of Benefits

Do you or your dependants have prescription drug coverage through another health benefits company or insurance company?
❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, please complete below.

Name of other health benefits company or insurance company:	Name of person holding coverage:
Effective date of other coverage (YYYY/MM/DD):	Coverage holder date of birth (YYYY/MM/DD):

Have you previously applied for funding or support from the manufacturer/patient assistance program for this medication?
❑ Yes ❑ No

Please provide details and attach documentation of approval or declination:

The manufacturer/patient assistance program may have information which will be useful for your enhanced special authorization request, such as the verification of health and claims information related to your request. May ASEBP contact the manufacturer/patient assistance program to discuss or collect information related to your enhanced special authorization request?

❑ Yes ❑ No

B. Consent to Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information

The personal information contained in this form (with any supporting documentation provided) and other personal information held by the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP), as the third party administrator of the ARTA Retiree Benefits Plan, is used to determine eligibility for this benefit, to provide you with information regarding additional resources available to you through your benefits (e.g., Apple-a-Day) and administer the benefit plan. It may be necessary for ASEBP to disclose your personal information related to this notification to a third party service provider. When third party service providers are retained, appropriate contracts are in place to protect personal information.

I authorize my prescribing physician, pharmacist and/or the manufacturer/patient assistance program (if 'yes' was selected in the applicable area of the Coordination of Benefits section above) to disclose to ASEBP the information noted herein and any further information requested by ASEBP for the purpose of managing this enhanced special authorization request.

I understand why the information is required and am aware of the risks and benefits of providing this information. I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information for the purposes identified above. I understand that I may revoke my consent at any time and acknowledge that doing so will affect my/our eligibility to receive benefits related to this special authorization request.

I agree this authorization shall be in effect from the date below and shall be valid for the duration of time required to manage this request.

I understand that by virtue of the provisions of the *Personal Information Protection Act* of Alberta, my dependants are deemed to consent to the collection, use and disclosure of their personal information for the purpose of enrolment in and coverage under the group benefit plans, through me as the applicant.

By signing below, you authorize ASEBP to access, use and disclose all prescription utilization information or other personal information in ASEBP's possession, including where applicable, your prescription drug claims history while participating under the ASEBP plan, which may be relevant to the adjudication of claims under the ARTA Benefits Plan for the purposes of administering and renewing the ARTA Enhanced Special Authorization Process. You further understand that you may revoke this consent at any time by providing written notice to ASEBP and acknowledge that doing so may affect your eligibility to receive benefits related to this application.

I agree to the above and declare that my statements in this form are complete, accurate and true.

VERBAL CONSENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PATIENT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN.

Patient signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________________

If patient is a minor, parent/guardian signature: ______________________________

Consent is being obtained in accordance with sections 7, 8, 9 and 61 of the Personal Information Protection Act of Alberta, Schedule 1 of the federal Personal Information Protection Electronic Documents Act and, in relation to personal health information, section 34 of the Health Information Act of Alberta. If you have any questions regarding the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information, please refer to ASEBP's Privacy Policy at www.asebp.ca/privacy or contact the privacy officer at 780-438-5300.

Part 2: Clinical Information *(to be completed by **prescribing physician**; must be a specialist in area of treatment)*

A. Prescriber Information

Prescriber name:	CPSA #:	
Address:	Specialty:	
City:	Province:	Postal code:
Phone:	Fax: *Fax number must be provided with each request submitted.*	

B. Medication Requested

INITIAL ONE-YEAR COVERAGE for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis.

Drug name requested:	Is the patient currently on this medication? ❑ Yes; start date: ____________________ ❑ No
Drug strength(s): Please specify if titration is required and drug strengths necessary.	Directions for use (frequency or schedule, if appropriate (e.g. initial dose at day one, or zero weeks, and at six, eight weeks, etc.):

C. Clinical Information

Diagnosis: Is this medication for an off-label use? ❑ Yes ❑ No	Date of initial diagnosis: Month ________ Year ___________	Anticipated duration for treatment (max. approval is one year):
Does patient have any relevant drug allergies? ❑ Yes ❑ No	Nature of allergy, if applicable:	Current patient weight:

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BASDAI: __.__ Date: _______________ ***AND*** Spinal Pain VAS (cm): __.__ Date: _______________

Duration of back pain: ______________

Will the patient be maintained on methotrexate (MTX) in combination with the requested biologic?
❑ Yes ❑ No (if not, please specify reason):

Please provide all relevant clinical information to support medical necessity of drug therapy requested, including any relevant lab tests which may support choice/monitoring of drug therapy. Please attach radiographic evidence of abnormal SI joint appearance.

Lab tests attached/scanned: ❑ Yes ❑ No

Please scan/attach any additional information that may be relevant in atypical cases that support the drug therapy choice.

D. Criteria for Initial Coverage

Medication utilization (current and previous, including any prior biologics)

Drug Name	**Dosing Regimen**	**Start Date** (YYYY/MM)	**End Date** (YYYY/MM)	**Patient Response** (if discontinued, provide details of intolerance, contraindication, or failure at maximum dose)

If a **switch** to a **different biological agent** is requested, please provide reason:

E. All Other Medical Conditions and Drug Therapies Relevant to Your Health State

Condition/Diagnosis	Date Diagnosed (YYYY/MM)	Current Medications

F. Renewal Coverage Criteria

Requested drug, dose and interval:	Date patient started current biologic:	Anticipated duration for treatment (max. approval is one year):	Current patient weight:
Drug name: ______________________ Dose: __________mg Interval: ___________________	Month ________ Year ___________		

Scores

BASDAI: __.__ Date: _______________ ***OR*** Spinal Pain VAS (cm): __.__ Date: _______________

Current drug therapy:	Drug	Dose	Route	Frequency
OR				
❑ Mark here if none				

Please provide any additional comments regarding patient's current medical status as applicable:

Please provide details explaining a lapse, for any period of more than 120 days, of the request medication during the previous approval period.

Please be advised that further information may be requested if needed to facilitate determination of coverage.

Complete requests will be processed within five business days; however, should your patient's condition require hospitalization, please contact ASEBP Pharmacy Services at 780-431-3367 for same-day processing.

Please note that administering a compassionate (bridge) dose to a plan member without prior authorization from ARTA does not guarantee continued coverage, which is based on our eligibility criteria.

Prescribing physician signature: ____ Date: ________________________________