

State-by-State Health Insurance Coverage Guide for HS Medications

FDA-Approved Treatments for Hidradenitis Suppurativa
Including State Insurance Commissioner Contact Information

Important Disclaimer

Coverage information in this guide reflects general state Medicaid and regulatory frameworks as of 2024–2025. Insurance formularies change frequently. Always verify current coverage directly with your insurer or state Medicaid program. This guide is for educational purposes only and does not constitute medical or legal advice. HS Connect® does not guarantee coverage outcomes.

About This Guide

HS Connect® created this guide to help patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) navigate the complex landscape of health insurance coverage for FDA-approved biologic medications. Knowing your rights, your state's coverage rules, and who to contact when coverage is denied can make a life-changing difference in your care.

This guide covers all 50 states and the District of Columbia, providing coverage status for each FDA-approved HS medication, state Medicaid program information, and direct contact details for your State Insurance Commissioner — your first line of defense when coverage is denied.

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FDA-Approved Medications for HS

As of 2025, three biologic medications have received FDA approval for hidradenitis suppurativa

**Humira®
(adalimumab)**

*TNF inhibitor biologic
(self-injectable)*

**FDA Approved:
September 2015**

Manufacturer: AbbVie

Indication: Moderate-to-severe HS in adults

Dosing Notes: First FDA-approved treatment for HS. Weekly 40mg injection after loading dose.

**Cosentyx®
(secukinumab)**

*IL-17A inhibitor biologic
(self-injectable)*

**FDA Approved: October
2023**

Manufacturer: Novartis

Indication: Moderate-to-severe HS in adults

Dosing Notes: 300mg weekly for 5 weeks, then every 4 weeks. Second FDA-approved HS biologic.

**Bimzelx®
(bimekizumab)**

*IL-17A/F inhibitor biologic
(self-injectable)*

**FDA Approved: October
2023**

Manufacturer: UCB

Indication: Moderate-to-severe HS in adults

Dosing Notes: 320mg every 2 weeks for 16 weeks, then every 4 weeks.

Coverage Status Key



Covered w/ PA

On formulary; prior authorization required



PA Required

Coverage possible; stricter PA process



Not Listed

Not on formulary; non-formulary PA needed

State-by-State Coverage Guide

All 50 States + District of Columbia — Insurance Commissioner Contacts & Medication Coverage

Alabama (AL) | Medicaid (CHIP & Medicaid)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Prior authorization required for all biologics. Step therapy may require failure of conventional treatments first.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Alabama Department of Insurance Commissioner: Mark Fowler 📞 (334) 269-3550 🌐 www.aldoi.gov ✉️ commissioner@insurance.alabama.gov</p>		

Alaska (AK) | Denali KidCare

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Medicaid covers with PA. State has step therapy override law.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Alaska Division of Insurance Commissioner: Lori Wing-Heier 📞 (907) 269-7900 🌐 www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ins ✉️ insurance@alaska.gov</p>		

Arizona (AZ) AHCCCS			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes AHCCCS covers Humira for moderate-to-severe HS. Newer biologics may require non-formulary PA.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Arizona Department of Insurance Commissioner: Dena Belisle (602) 364-3100 www.insurance.az.gov consumers@insurance.az.gov</p>		

Arkansas (AR) Arkansas Medicaid			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
<p>Coverage Notes Step therapy protocols in place. Bimzelx formulary status pending. PA appeals process available.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Arkansas Insurance Department Commissioner: Alan McClain (800) 282-9134 www.insurance.arkansas.gov insurance.consumers@arkansas.gov</p>		

California (CA) Medi-Cal			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required

<p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Strong step therapy override protections (SB 1260). Medi-Cal covers all three with PA. External review rights apply.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner California Department of Insurance Commissioner: Ricardo Lara (800) 927-4357 www.insurance.ca.gov cdiweb@insurance.ca.gov</p>
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Colorado (CO) Health First Colorado			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Colorado has step therapy override law. Insurance must provide override within 72 hours for urgent cases.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner Colorado Division of Insurance Commissioner: Michael Conway (303) 894-7490 www.dora.colorado.gov/insurance dora_insurance@state.co.us</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

Connecticut (CT) HUSKY Health			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>HUSKY covers HS biologics. CT has robust external appeals process. Urgent care PA within 72 hours.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner Connecticut Insurance Department Commissioner: Andrew Mais (800) 203-3447 www.ct.gov/cid</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

✉ cid.complaints@ct.gov

Delaware (DE) | Delaware Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes PA required for all biologics. Step therapy override protections apply for commercial plans.	State Insurance Commissioner Delaware Department of Insurance Commissioner: Trinidad Navarro ☎ (302) 674-7300 🌐 www.insurance.delaware.gov ✉ consumer@delawareinsurance.gov		

Florida (FL) | Florida Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes Medicaid preferred drug list includes Humira. Newer agents require non-preferred PA. Managed care plans vary.	State Insurance Commissioner Florida Office of Insurance Regulation Commissioner: Michael Yaworsky ☎ (850) 413-3140 🌐 www.flair.com ✉ consumer@flair.com		

Georgia (GA) | Georgia Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required

<p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>All biologics require PA. Georgia Pathways Medicaid expansion may affect coverage eligibility.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>Georgia Office of Insurance & Safety Fire Commissioner</p> <p>Commissioner: John King</p> <p>☎ (404) 656-2056</p> <p>🌐 www.oci.ga.gov</p> <p>✉ gainsurance@oci.ga.gov</p> <p>v</p>
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Hawaii (HI) Med-QUEST			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Med-QUEST covers Humira. Island-specific plans may vary. Step therapy protocols apply.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>Hawaii Insurance Division</p> <p>Commissioner: Gordon Ito</p> <p>☎ (808) 586-2790</p> <p>🌐 www.insurance.hawaii.gov</p> <p>✉ insurance@dcca.hawaii.gov</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

Idaho (ID) Idaho Medicaid			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Idaho expanded Medicaid. Biologics require PA with documentation of HS diagnosis and severity.</p>	<p>PA Required</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>Idaho Department of Insurance</p> <p>Commissioner: Dean Cameron</p> <p>☎ (208) 334-4250</p> <p>🌐 www.doi.idaho.gov</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>Not Listed</p>

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Illinois (IL) | Illinois Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
Coverage Notes IL has step therapy override law effective 2018. Managed Medicaid plans must follow formulary guidelines.	State Insurance Commissioner Illinois Department of Insurance Commissioner: Dana Popish Severinghaus ☎ (877) 527-9431 🌐 www.insurance.illinois.gov ✉ DOI.Director@illinois.gov		

Indiana (IN) | Indiana Medicaid / Healthy Indiana Plan

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes HIP 2.0 beneficiaries may have different formulary access. PA required for all biologics.	State Insurance Commissioner Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner: Amy Beard ☎ (317) 232-2385 🌐 www.in.gov/idoi ✉ consumerservices@idoi.in.gov		

Iowa (IA) | Iowa Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes Iowa Medicaid covers with PA. Commercial plans subject to step therapy. Override requests honored with physician documentation.	State Insurance Commissioner Iowa Insurance Division Commissioner: Doug Ommen (515) 654-6600 www.iid.iowa.gov iid@iid.iowa.gov		

Kansas (KS) | KanCare

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes KanCare managed care organizations have separate formularies. All require PA for HS biologics.	State Insurance Commissioner Kansas Insurance Department Commissioner: Vicki Schmidt (800) 432-2484 www.insurance.ks.gov commissioner@insurance.ks.gov		

Kentucky (KY) | Kentucky Medicaid (Managed Care)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes KY expanded Medicaid under ACA. MCOs administer benefits. PA required; step therapy protocols vary by plan.	State Insurance Commissioner Kentucky Department of Insurance Commissioner: Sharon Clark (800) 595-6053 www.insurance.ky.gov		

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Louisiana (LA) |
Louisiana Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Humira on preferred drug list with PA. External appeal rights available for all denied claims.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Louisiana Department of Insurance Commissioner: Tim Temple (800) 259-5300 www.lidi.la.gov ✉ consumerservices@lidi.la.gov</p>		

Maine (ME) |
MaineCare

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Maine expanded Medicaid. Strong consumer protections. Step therapy override law in effect.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Maine Bureau of Insurance Commissioner: Timothy Schroeder (800) 300-5000 www.maine.gov/pfr/insurance ✉ insurance.pfr@maine.gov</p>		

Maryland (MD) |
Maryland Medicaid / HealthChoice

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
Coverage Notes HealthChoice MCOs cover HS biologics. MD has step therapy override protections. Expedited review available.	State Insurance Commissioner Maryland Insurance Administration Commissioner: Kathleen Birrane ☎ (800) 492-6116 🌐 www.insurance.maryland.gov ✉ mdinsurance@maryland.gov		

Massachusetts (MA)
| MassHealth

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA
Coverage Notes MassHealth provides broader biologic coverage. All three FDA-approved HS biologics covered with PA.	State Insurance Commissioner Massachusetts Division of Insurance Commissioner: Gary Anderson ☎ (617) 521-7794 🌐 www.mass.gov/doi ✉ doi.info@mass.gov		

Michigan (MI) | Michigan Medicaid / Healthy Michigan Plan

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes Healthy Michigan Plan covers HS biologics. Step therapy may apply. PA override available with physician documentation.	State Insurance Commissioner Michigan Department of Insurance & Financial Services Commissioner: Anita Fox		

 (877) 999-6442
 www.michigan.gov/difs
 DIFSinfo@michigan.gov

Minnesota (MN) |
 Medical Assistance (MA)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes MN has robust step therapy override law. MA covers HS biologics. Commercial plans must honor override requests.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner: Grace Arnold  (651) 539-1500  www.mn.gov/commerce  consumer.protection@state.mn.us</p>		

Mississippi (MS) |
 Mississippi Medicaid (Division of Medicaid)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
<p>Coverage Notes Mississippi has not expanded Medicaid. Coverage limited. PA required; step therapy protocols strict.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Mississippi Insurance Department Commissioner: Mike Chaney  (800) 562-2957  www.mid.ms.gov  consumer@mid.ms.gov</p>		

Missouri (MO) | MO
 HealthNet

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes MO recently expanded Medicaid. MO HealthNet covers with PA. Commercial plans vary by carrier.	State Insurance Commissioner Missouri Department of Commerce & Insurance Commissioner: Chlora Lindley-Myers (800) 726-7390 www.insurance.mo.gov insuranceconsumeraffairs@insurance.mo.gov		

Montana (MT) | Montana Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes Montana expanded Medicaid. PA required. Physician must document moderate-to-severe diagnosis for biologic approval.	State Insurance Commissioner Montana Office of the Commissioner of Securities & Insurance Commissioner: Troy Downing (800) 332-6148 www.csimt.gov csi@mt.gov		

Nebraska (NE) | Nebraska Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes Nebraska expanded Medicaid in 2020. PA required for all biologics. Bimzelx under formulary review.	State Insurance Commissioner Nebraska Department of Insurance Commissioner: Eric Dunning (402) 471-2201		

www.doi.nebraska.gov
 ✉ DOI.ConsumerAffairs@nebraska.gov

Nevada (NV) | Nevada Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Nevada Medicaid covers Humira. Step therapy override law passed 2019. Expedited appeals within 72 hours.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Nevada Division of Insurance Commissioner: Scott Kipper ☎ (702) 486-4009 🌐 www.doi.nv.gov ✉ consumer@doi.nv.gov</p>		

New Hampshire (NH) | NH Medicaid / Granite Advantage

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Granite Advantage expansion program covers biologics with PA. External review rights available.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner New Hampshire Insurance Department Commissioner: D.J. Bettencourt ☎ (603) 271-2261 🌐 www.insurance.nh.gov ✉ nhid-info@insurance.nh.gov</p>		

New Jersey (NJ) | NJ FamilyCare

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
Coverage Notes NJ has step therapy override law. NJ FamilyCare covers HS biologics. Stringent consumer protections.	State Insurance Commissioner New Jersey Department of Banking & Insurance Commissioner: Marlene Caride ☎ (800) 446-7467 🌐 www.nj.gov/dobi ✉ consumerservicescenter@dobi.nj.gov		

New Mexico (NM) | New Mexico Medicaid / Centennial Care

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes Centennial Care MCOs administer benefits. Humira preferred for HS. Step therapy protocols apply.	State Insurance Commissioner New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance Commissioner: Alice Kane ☎ (855) 427-5674 🌐 www.osi.state.nm.us ✉ osi.consumerservices@state.nm.us		

New York (NY) | New York Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA
Coverage Notes NY has one of the strongest step therapy override laws. All three	State Insurance Commissioner New York Department of Financial Services		

<p>biologics covered. Medicaid covers with PA.</p>	<p>Commissioner: Adrienne Harris  (800) 342-3736  www.dfs.ny.gov  consumers@dfs.ny.gov</p>
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North Carolina (NC) NC Medicaid / NC Health Choice			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes NC Medicaid covers Humira with PA. Transform Medicaid managed care launched 2023. Step therapy applies.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner North Carolina Department of Insurance Commissioner: Mike Causey  (855) 408-1212  www.ncdoi.gov  consumer@ncdoi.gov</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

North Dakota (ND) ND Medicaid			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes Small state Medicaid. PA required for all HS biologics. Physician documentation essential for approval.</p>	<p>PA Required</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner North Dakota Insurance Department Commissioner: Jon Godfread  (701) 328-2440  www.nd.gov/ndins  insurance@nd.gov</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

Ohio (OH) Ohio Medicaid (OHP)			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
Coverage Notes Ohio Medicaid managed care covers HS biologics. Step therapy override law in effect since 2018.	State Insurance Commissioner Ohio Department of Insurance Commissioner: Judith French (800) 686-1526 www.insurance.ohio.gov consumer_affairs@insurance.ohio.gov		

Oklahoma (OK) Oklahoma Medicaid (SoonerCare)			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes Oklahoma expanded Medicaid in 2021. SoonerCare PA process for biologics. Bimzelx under formulary review.	State Insurance Commissioner Oklahoma Insurance Department Commissioner: Glen Mulready (800) 522-0071 www.oid.ok.gov questions@oid.ok.gov		

Oregon (OR) Oregon Health Plan (OHP)			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
Coverage Notes OHP CCOs have broad biologic coverage. OR has step therapy	State Insurance Commissioner		

<p>override protections. External review available.</p>	<p>Oregon Insurance Division Commissioner: Andrew Stoffi ☎ (888) 877-4894 🌐 www.oregonlegislature.gov/oid ✉ insurance.division@oregon.gov</p>	
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Pennsylvania (PA) |
 Pennsylvania Medicaid (MA)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes PA Medicaid covers Humira and Cosentyx. Step therapy override law enacted 2020. 72-hour expedited review.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner Pennsylvania Insurance Department Commissioner: Michael Humphreys ☎ (877) 881-6388 🌐 www.insurance.pa.gov ✉ ra-in-consumer-services@pa.gov</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

Rhode Island (RI) |
 Rlte Care / Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes Small state with strong consumer protections. Rlte Care covers biologics. PA required; appeals process available.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner Rhode Island Insurance Division Commissioner: Elizabeth Dwyer ☎ (401) 462-9520 🌐 www.dbr.ri.gov/insurance</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>PA Required</p>

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South Carolina (SC) | South Carolina Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes SC has not expanded Medicaid, limiting access. PA required. Step therapy for commercial plans.	State Insurance Commissioner South Carolina Department of Insurance Commissioner: Ray Farmer ☎ (803) 737-6160 🌐 www.doi.sc.gov ✉ consumers@doi.sc.gov		

South Dakota (SD) | South Dakota Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes SD Medicaid covers with PA. Limited commercial market. Biologic access may require patient assistance programs.	State Insurance Commissioner South Dakota Division of Insurance Commissioner: Joel Arends ☎ (605) 773-3563 🌐 www.dlr.sd.gov/insurance ✉ insurance@state.sd.us		

Tennessee (TN) | TennCare

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)

Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes TennCare covers with PA. Managed care plans administer. Step therapy protocols strict; documentation required.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Commissioner: Carter Lawrence ☎ (800) 342-4029 🌐 www.tn.gov/commerce/insurance ✉ TDCI.ConsumerInsurance@tn.gov</p>		

Texas (TX) | Texas Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes TX has not expanded Medicaid; limited eligibility. Step therapy override law enacted 2017. PA required.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Texas Department of Insurance Commissioner: Cassie Brown ☎ (800) 252-3439 🌐 www.tdi.texas.gov ✉ consumer.protection@tdi.texas.gov</p>		

Utah (UT) | Utah Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Utah expanded Medicaid. PA required for all biologics. Step therapy override process available.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Utah Insurance Department Commissioner: Jonathan Pike ☎ (800) 439-3805</p>		

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Vermont (VT) | Vermont Medicaid / Green Mountain Care

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes VT has strong consumer protections and broad Medicaid coverage. Step therapy override available.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Vermont Department of Financial Regulation Commissioner: Kevin Gaffney  (802) 828-3301  www.dfr.vermont.gov  dfr.insuranceconsumer@vermont.gov</p>		

Virginia (VA) | Virginia Medicaid (Medallion 4.0)

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required
<p>Coverage Notes Virginia expanded Medicaid. Medallion 4.0 MCOs cover HS biologics. Step therapy override law in effect.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner Virginia Bureau of Insurance Commissioner: Scott White  (877) 310-6560  www.scc.virginia.gov/boi  bureau_of_insurance@scc.virginia.gov</p>		

Washington (WA) Apple Health (Medicaid)			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA	Covered w/ PA
Coverage Notes Apple Health covers all three FDA-approved HS biologics. Strong consumer protections and step therapy override law.	State Insurance Commissioner Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner Commissioner: Patrice Kent (Acting) ☎ (800) 562-6900 🌐 www.insurance.wa.gov ✉ insurers@oic.wa.gov		

West Virginia (WV) WV Medicaid			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	PA Required	PA Required	Not Listed
Coverage Notes WV has one of the highest HS prevalence rates. PA required. Patient assistance programs recommended.	State Insurance Commissioner West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner Commissioner: Allan McVey ☎ (888) 879-9842 🌐 www.wvinsurance.gov ✉ consumer_service@wvinsurance.gov		

Wisconsin (WI) Wisconsin Medicaid / BadgerCare Plus			
Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
Coverage Status	Covered w/ PA	PA Required	PA Required

<p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>BadgerCare Plus covers Humira with PA. Step therapy override law in effect. External review rights.</p>	<p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance</p> <p>Commissioner: Nathan Houdek</p> <p>☎ (800) 236-8517</p> <p>🌐 www.oci.wi.gov</p> <p>✉ information@oci.wi.gov</p>
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Wyoming (WY) | Wyoming Medicaid

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>Wyoming has not expanded Medicaid. Limited coverage population. PA required; biologic access challenging.</p>	<p>PA Required</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>Wyoming Insurance Department</p> <p>Commissioner: Jeff Rude</p> <p>☎ (307) 777-7401</p> <p>🌐 www.doi.wyo.gov</p> <p>✉ wyins@wyo.gov</p>	<p>PA Required</p>	<p>Not Listed</p>

District of Columbia (DC) | DC Medicaid / DC HealthCare Alliance

Medication	Humira® (adalimumab)	Cosentyx® (secukinumab)	Bimzelx® (bimekizumab)
<p>Coverage Status</p> <p>Coverage Notes</p> <p>DC has expanded Medicaid and broad biologic coverage. All three HS medications covered with PA.</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p> <p>State Insurance Commissioner</p> <p>DC Department of Insurance, Securities & Banking</p> <p>Commissioner: Karima Woods</p> <p>☎ (202) 727-8000</p> <p>🌐 www.disb.dc.gov</p> <p>✉ disb@dc.gov</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p>	<p>Covered w/ PA</p>

Your Rights & How to Fight a Denial

Know your options when insurance denies coverage for an HS biologic

Step 1: Request a Written Denial

- Ask your insurer for a written explanation of the denial, including the specific medical or formulary reason. This is your legal right under the ACA and most state laws.

Step 2: File an Internal Appeal

- Submit a written appeal with supporting documentation from your dermatologist, including diagnosis code (L73.2 for HS), severity documentation, and a letter of medical necessity.

Step 3: Request Step Therapy Override

- If denied due to step therapy (requiring you to try other medications first), your doctor can request an exception or override. Over 30 states have step therapy override laws protecting this right.

Step 4: Demand Expedited Review

- For urgent medical situations, federal law requires insurers to respond to expedited appeals within 72 hours. Ask your doctor to document medical urgency.

Step 5: File an External Review

- If your internal appeal is denied, you have the right to an independent external review. An independent reviewer — not your insurer — makes the final decision.

Step 6: Contact Your State Insurance Commissioner

- If your insurer is unresponsive or violating your rights, file a complaint with your State Insurance Commissioner using the contact information in this guide. They have enforcement authority.

Step 7: Access Manufacturer Patient Assistance

- AbbVie (myAbbVie Assist), Novartis (Cosentyx Support Solutions), and UCB (UCB Cares) all offer patient assistance programs for eligible patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

Additional Resources

HS Connect®

Patient community, resources, and support for those living with HS.

www.hsconnect.org

NeedyMeds / RxAssist

Find patient assistance programs and co-pay support for biologic medications.

www.needymeds.org

HealthWell Foundation

Co-pay assistance for biologics. HS-specific fund may be available.

www.healthwellfoundation.org

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