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TO: Commonwealth of Kentucky Medicaid Prescriber Network
FROM: MedImpact Healthcare Systems
Subject: Updates to Stelara Prior Authorizations

Status: Please be advised that the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will implement updates related to prior authorizations (PAs) for Stelara® (ustekinumab) and its unbranded biologic, ustekinumab. This change supports the transition to preferred biosimilar ustekinumab products, Pyzchiva® and Yesintek® and helps promote cost savings across the Kentucky Medicaid pharmacy network while maintaining comparable clinical outcomes for members.

Key Updates:

- **Effective April 1, 2026**, prior authorizations approved prior to January 16, 2026, for Stelara® and its unbranded biologic, ustekinumab will be termed.
- New prior authorizations for the preferred biosimilar ustekinumab products, Pyzchiva® and Yesintek® have been entered for impacted members and are approved through December 31, 2026.
- Stelara® prior authorizations approved on or after January 16, 2026, will remain active and are not impacted. These approvals were reviewed under the updated guideline applicable to non-preferred ustekinumab products.

Pharmacy Billing and Substitution Guidance:

- Under KRS 217.822, Kentucky pharmacists may substitute an FDA-designated interchangeable biologic for a prescribed biologic product when permitted by law.
- Interchangeable biosimilar ustekinumab products may be dispensed in place of Stelara® without a new prescription.
- Pharmacies must notify the prescriber within five (5) days of dispensing the biosimilar product.
- Claims for Stelara® submitted after April 1, 2026, may be denied if an active prior authorization is not on file.



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