

Policy Name:	Tezspire (tezepelumab)	Policy #:	3136P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Tezspire (tezepelumab).

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Tezspire (tezepelumab) under the specialty medical or pharmacy benefit when the following criteria are met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria

- 1.1 Diagnosis of severe asthma
- 1.2 Age \geq 12 years
- 1.3 Prescribed by, or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist (doctor of the immune system), or pulmonologist (doctor of the lungs)
- 1.4 Documented use with one of the following:
 - An inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) therapy such as Asmanex, Pulmicort or QVAR and one additional therapy such as montelukast with lack of asthma control
 - A maximally tolerated combination inhaled corticosteroid/long acting beta2 agonist (ICS/LABA) inhaler such as Symbicort or Dulera with lack of asthma control

2. Approval Period

- 2.1 Initial Approval: 12 months
- 2.2 Subsequent Approvals: 12 months with documentation of beneficial therapy (reduction in exacerbations, use of rescue medications, asthma symptoms, or increase in FEV1 from baseline, etc.)

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

J2356	Injection, tezepelumab-ekko, 1 mg
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References

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