

Drug Benefit Determination

Your doctor is prescribing a new medicine and you need to find out if your drug benefit plan will pay for the medicine. You don't want to end up at the pharmacy with a huge bill. It's easy, with the simple step by step instructions below you can figure it out.

1. Telephone your insurance carrier (i.e. Greenshield, Great West Life etc)

2. Tell them your doctor wants to prescribe: _____

3. They might ask for the **Drug Identification Number (DIN)** - You can go to (<http://rheuminfo.com/physician-tools/drug-identification-numbers-din>) to find out the DIN of your medicine.

Common DIN Numbers for rheumatology medications include: Abatacept (Orencia) 02282097, Adalimumab (Humira) 02258595, Anakinra (Kineret) 02245913, Belimumab (Benlysta) 02370050 & 02370069, Certolizumab (Cimzia) 02331675, Depomedrol: 00030759 (40 mg/mL) & 00030767 (80 mg/mL), Denosumab (Prolia) 02343541, Etanercept (Enbrel) 02274728 & 02242903, Golimumab (Simponi) 02324784 & 02324776, Infliximab (Remicade) 02244016, Rituximab (Rituxan) 02241927, Tocilizumab (Actemra): 02350092 & 02350106 & 02350114.

4. **Do you require a “pre-authorization form” to be completed.** Sometimes your doctor might need to complete this form to determine if you are covered.

Do you require a pre-authorization form? **YES** **NO**

5. **What is your co-pay?** (*This is the amount you are required to pay the pharmacist for each prescription - it could be up to 20% of the cost of the medicine*)

My co-pay is: _____

6. **Do you have an annual maximum?** (*This is the maximum amount your drug insurance plan will pay each year for your prescriptions - it might be unlimited*)

My annual maximum is: _____

7. **Do you have a lifetime maximum?** (*This is the maximum amount your drug insurance plan will pay for your prescriptions over your lifetime*)

My lifetime maximum is: _____

If you're having trouble sorting things out you can contact one of the patient support programs. Contact information for patient support programs can be found at www.RheumInfo.com under Physician Tools.