

Humira Biosimilar Coverage Overview

2024-2025 Coverage Overview for Louisiana Blue Members

Humira® (adalimumab) is used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, plaque psoriasis, hidradenitis suppurativa and uveitis.

Humira is preferred on all Louisiana Blue and HMO Louisiana, Inc. commercial formularies.[#] The following describes our current coverage and basic information.

Prior Authorization Important Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members with an approved authorization for Humira do not require a new prior authorization to switch to any other preferred adalimumab product listed below All new adalimumab prescriptions require a prior authorization request for clinical review Approved prior authorizations for Humira will apply to all preferred adalimumab biosimilars
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LOUISIANA BLUE AND HMO LOUISIANA Commercial Preferred Humira Biosimilars

Product	Manufacturer	Concentration	Citrate Free	Interchangeable
Adalimumab-adaz	Sandoz	High	✓	Yes
Simlandi®	Teva	High	✓	Yes
Adalimumab-adbm Adalimumab-ryvk	Quallent*	Low High	✓	Yes

Louisiana Blue and HMO Louisiana members will get Quallent adalimumab products at \$0 out-of-pocket cost* when they fill with Accredo Specialty Pharmacy, which is owned by Express Scripts.

*Based on Quallent Pharmaceuticals copay program eligibility requirements

[#]This guide does not apply to Blue adVantage products.

Humira Biosimilar Attributes

Concentration	A higher concentration means less injection volume. Adalimumab biosimilars are available in an original concentration (50 mg/ml) and/or a high concentration (100 mg/ml).
Citrate vs Citrate Free	Citrate free formulations help to reduce pain and burning during administration that is often reported by patients when administering formulations that contain citrate.
Interchangeability Status	Interchangeable biosimilars are able to be substituted for the reference product at the pharmacy without consulting the prescriber before filling.
Cost	A biosimilar is usually less expensive than the reference product and offers a more affordable, yet equally efficacious, treatment option.

Additional Education

What is a biosimilar?

A biosimilar is a biological product that is highly similar to an existing FDA-approved biological product, also known as the reference product. A biosimilar has no clinically meaningful differences in safety, efficacy, purity and potency from the reference product.

Facts about biologic products and prescribing

- » Biologic products are large and generally complex molecules that are produced from living organisms such as bacteria, yeast and animal cells.
- » Biosimilars have the same route of administration, strength, dosage, treatment benefits and potential side effects as the reference product.
- » Biosimilars may offer more affordable treatment options to patients.
- » Biosimilars may also be interchangeable. An interchangeable biosimilar is one that meets additional requirements and may be substituted for the reference product by a pharmacist without consulting the prescriber before filling. Louisiana law requires the patient's consent and the pharmacist notify the prescriber within 5 business days of the dispense date.

Have clinical questions?

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