

# UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2023 P 1422-1
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification
Medication	Litfulo <sup>™</sup> (ritlecitinib)
P&T Approval Date	11/2023
Effective Date	1/14/2024

### 1. Background:

Litfulo (ritlecitinib) is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of severe alopecia areata in adults and adolescents 12 years and older.

## Limitations of Use:

Not recommended for use in combination with other JAK inhibitors, biologic immunomodulators, cyclosporine or other potent immunosuppressants

## 2. Coverage Criteria<sup>a</sup>:

### A. Initial Authorization

- 1. **Litfulo** will be approved based on **both** of the following criteria:
  - a. Diagnosis of severe alopecia areata

#### -AND-

- b. Patient is not receiving Litfulo in combination with <u>either</u> of the following:
  - (1) Targeted immunomodulator [e.g., Olumiant (baricitinib), Enbrel (etanercept), Cimzia (certolizumab), Simponi (golimumab), Orencia (abatacept), adalimumab, Xeljanz (tofacitinib), Rinvoq (upadacitinib)]
  - (2) Potent immunosuppressant (e.g., azathioprine or cyclosporine)

#### Authorization will be issued for 12 months.

### **B.** Reauthorization

- 1. **Litfulo** will be approved based on **both** of the following criteria:
  - a. Documentation of positive clinical response to Litfulo therapy

#### -AND-

- b. Patient is not receiving Litfulo in combination with <u>either</u> of the following:
  - (1) Targeted immunomodulator [e.g., Olumiant (baricitinib), Enbrel (etanercept), Cimzia (certolizumab), Simponi (golimumab), Orencia (abatacept), adalimumab, Xeljanz (tofacitinib), Rinvoq (upadacitinib)]



(2) Potent immunosuppressant (e.g., azathioprine or cyclosporine)

## Authorization will be issued for 12 months.

<sup>a</sup> State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

## 3. Additional Clinical Rules:

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits, Step Therapy, and/or Medical Necessity may be in place.

## 4. References:

1. Litfulo [package insert]. New York, NY: Pfizer, Inc.; June 2023.

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Change Control	
11/2023	New program.