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APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY

Form SA2079
May 2024

APPLICANT (stamp or sticker acceptable)	**PATIENT** NHI:	**REFERRER** Reg No: .....
Reg No:	First Names:	First Names: .....
Name:	Surname:	Surname: .....
Address:	DOB:	Address: .....
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Upadacitinib

Initial application — Rheumatoid Arthritis (patients previously treated with adalimumab or etanercept)
Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ The patient has had an initial Special Authority approval for adalimumab and/or etanercept for rheumatoid arthritis

and

- ☐ The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from adalimumab and/or etanercept

or

- ☐ The patient has received insufficient benefit from at least a three-month trial of adalimumab and/or etanercept such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

and

- ☐ The patient is seronegative for both anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (CCP) antibodies and rheumatoid factor

or

- ☐ The patient has been started on rituximab for rheumatoid arthritis in a Health NZ Hospital

and

- ☐ The patient has experienced intolerable side effects from rituximab

or

- ☐ At four months following the initial course of rituximab the patient has received insufficient benefit such that they do not meet the renewal criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

Renewal — Rheumatoid Arthritis

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a rheumatologist or Practitioner on the recommendation of a rheumatologist. Approvals valid for 6 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ Following 6 months' initial treatment, the patient has at least a 50% decrease in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician

or

- ☐ On subsequent reapplications, the patient demonstrates at least a continuing 30% improvement in active joint count from baseline and a clinically significant response to treatment in the opinion of the physician

I confirm the above details are correct and that in signing this form I understand I may be audited.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Post application to Ministry of Health, Private Bag 3015, Wanganui – email: customerservice@health.govt.nz