

To: Pharmacy Network
From: IEHP Pharmaceutical Services Department
Date: April 23, 2026
Subject: **Now Available: Interchangeable Biosimilar of STELARA - Please Stock and Dispense**

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) is pleased to inform you that the **interchangeable biosimilar STELARA, ustekinumab-aauz**, is now available. This drug is available through both IEHP DualChoice (HMO D-SNP) and IEHP Covered formularies without prior authorization. Pharmacists may substitute to an interchangeable biosimilar without Prescriber prescription.

Biosimilar medications are **FDA-approved, clinically equivalent**, and offer a **cost-effective solution** that supports both member affordability and lowering healthcare costs.

Action Requested:

1. **Order and stock** STELARA, ustekinumab-aauz as soon as possible.
2. **Dispense** STELARA, ustekinumab-aauz in place of the brand when clinically appropriate.

We value your collaboration and ongoing commitment to help our members achieve and sustain optimal health.

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