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Dear Carole

Patient Access Scheme – Simponi (golimumab) in the treatment of psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis

I am writing to confirm the Department of Health's position on the Patient Access Scheme (PAS) arrangements that have been proposed by Merck Sharp & Dohme for Simponi (golimumab) in the treatment of psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis.

The Department is content for NICE to consider the PAS proposed by Merck Sharp & Dohme.

Yours sincerely

