



Ophthalmic disorders – VEGF inhibitors

Eylea (Aflibercept) J0178, Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa) J2777, Lucentis (Ranibizumab) J2778, Susvimo (ranibizumab) J2779, Macugen (Pegaptanib) J2503, Beovu (Brolucizumab-dblI) J0179, Byooviz (ranibizumab-nuna) Q5124 are non-preferred. The preferred products are Avastin (Intraocular Bevacizumab) J9035, Mvasi (Bevacizumab-awwb) Q5107 and Zirabev (bevacizumab-bvzr) Q5118, Vegzelma Q5129 (bevacizumab-adcd), Alymsys Q5129 (bevacizumab-maly)

No PA required for Preferred drugs.

**Prior Authorization Step Therapy
Medicare Part B Request Form**

*Instructions: * Indicates required information – Form may be returned if required information is not provided. Please fax this request to the appropriate fax number listed at the bottom of the page.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Requested _____
	Requestor _____ Clinic name: _____ Phone _____ / Fax _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

*Name: _____ *ID#: _____ *DOB: _____

PRESCRIBER INFORMATION

*Name: _____ MD FNP DO NP PA *Phone: _____

*Address: _____ *Fax: _____

DISPENSING PROVIDER / ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

*Name: _____ Phone: _____

*Address: _____ Fax: _____

PROCEDURE / PRODUCT INFORMATION

HCPC Code	Name of Drug <input type="checkbox"/> Self-administered	Dose (Wt: _____ kg Ht: _____)	Frequency	End Date if known

Chart notes attached. **Other important information:** _____

Diagnosis: ICD10: _____ **Description:** _____

Provider attests the diagnosis provided is an FDA-Approved indication for this drug

CLINICAL INFORMATION

New Start or Initial Request: (Clinical documentation required for all requests)

Provider has reviewed the attached “Criteria for Approval” and attests the member meets ALL required PA criteria.

If not, please provide **clinical rationale** for formulary exception: _____

Continuation Requests: (Clinical documentation required for all requests)

Provider has reviewed the attached “Criteria for Continuation” and attests the member meets ALL required PA Continuation criteria.

Patient had an adequate response or significant improvement while on this medication.

If not, please provide clinical rationale for continuing this medication: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Request By (Signature Required): _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Any person who knowingly files a request for authorization of coverage of a medical procedure or service with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company by providing materially false information or conceals material information for the purpose of misleading, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. PAYMENT IS BASED ON BENEFITS IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF SERVICE, MEMBER ELIGIBILITY AND MEDICAL NECESSITY.

Prior Authorization Group – Ophthalmic VEGF Inhibitors PA

Drug Name(s):

AVASTIN	BEOVU
BYOOVIZ	EYLEA
LUCENTIS	MACUGEN
MVASI	SUSVIMO
VABYSMO	ZYRABEV
VEGZELMA	ALYMSYS

Criteria for approval of Non-Formulary/Preferred Drug:

1. Prescribed for an approved FDA diagnosis (as listed below):
2. Member has tried and failed at least ONE of the formulary alternatives: **Avastin, Mvasi, Zirabev, Vezgelma, Alymsys** OR
 - There is clinical documentation stating formulary alternatives are contraindicated.
3. Drug is being used appropriately per MCG GUIDELINES, CMS recognized compendia, authoritative medical literature, evidence-based guidelines and/or accepted standards of medical practice.
4. Member does not have any clinically relevant contraindications, or CMS/Plan exclusions, to the requested drug.
 - If the member meets all these criteria, they may be approved by the Plan for the requested drug.
 - Quantity limits and Tiering will be determined by the Plan.

Exclusion Criteria:

N/A

Prescriber Restrictions:

N/A

Coverage Duration:

Approval will be for 6 months

FDA Indications:

Byooviz, Eylea, Lucentis

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration
- Macular edema due to diabetes mellitus (Eylea, Lucentis only)
- Macular retinal edema - Thrombosis of retinal vein
- Myopic choroidal neovascularization (Lucentis only)
- Retinopathy due to diabetes mellitus (Eylea, Lucentis only)

Macugen, Susvima

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration

Beovu

- Exudative age-related macular degeneration
- Retinopathy due to diabetes mellitus

Off-Label Uses:

- Macular edema due to diabetes mellitus (Macugen only)
- Retinopathy of prematurity, Type 1 (Lucentis only)

Step Therapy Drug(s) and FDA Indications:

Avastin, Mvasi, Zirabev, Vegzelma, Alymsys

FDA Indications:

- Cervical cancer, Recurrent, persistent, or metastatic, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin or paclitaxel and topotecan
- Glioblastoma multiforme of brain, Recurrent
- Liver carcinoma, Unresectable or metastatic, in combination with atezolizumab, in patients who have not received prior systemic therapy
- Metastatic colorectal cancer, First- or second-line therapy, in combination with IV 5-fluorouracil-based chemotherapy
- Metastatic colorectal cancer, Second-line therapy, in combination with fluoropyrimidine/irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine/oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy, in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab-containing regimen
- Metastatic renal cell carcinoma, In combination with interferon alfa
- Nonsquamous non-small cell lung cancer, Recurrent or metastatic, unresectable, locally advanced, first-line treatment in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin
- Ovarian cancer, Fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, recurrent, platinum-resistant disease, in combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan, with no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
- Ovarian cancer, Fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, recurrent, platinum-sensitive disease, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel or with carboplatin and gemcitabine, followed by single agent bevacizumab
- Ovarian cancer, Stage III or IV epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, first-line therapy in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel following initial surgical resection, followed by single-agent bevacizumab

Off Label Uses:

- Age related macular degeneration - Choroidal retinal neovascularization
- Bleeding from nose - Osler hemorrhagic telangiectasia syndrome
- Branch retinal vein occlusion with macular edema
- Central retinal vein occlusion with macular edema
- Choroidal retinal neovascularization, Secondary to pathologic myopia
- Macular edema due to diabetes mellitus
- Malignant mesothelioma of pleura, Unresectable disease, first-line therapy, in combination with pemetrexed and cisplatin
- Metastatic breast cancer, HER2-negative, as first-line therapy, in combination with paclitaxel
- Metastatic breast cancer, HER2-negative, as second-line therapy in combination with other chemotherapy
- Metastatic breast cancer, In combination with capecitabine in patients previously treated with an anthracycline and a taxane
- Metastatic colorectal cancer, First-line therapy, in combination with oxaliplatin and capecitabine
- Metastatic colorectal cancer, In previously untreated elderly patients, ineligible for oxaliplatin- or irinotecan-based chemotherapy
- Necrosis of central nervous system due to exposure to ionizing radiation
- Neovascular glaucoma; Adjunct
- Nonsquamous non-small cell lung cancer, Stage IIIB/IV, continuation maintenance therapy as a single-agent following platinum-based, first-line therapy
- Nonsquamous non-small cell lung cancer, Stage IIIB/IV, first-line therapy in combination with pemetrexed and CARBOplatin



Part B Prior Authorization Step Therapy Guidelines

- Retinopathy due to diabetes mellitus
- Retinopathy of prematurity

Age Restrictions:

N/A

Other Clinical Consideration:

All options are contraindicated in patients with ocular or periocular infections.

Resources:

https://careweb.careguidelines.com/ed24/ac/ac04_118.htm

https://careweb.careguidelines.com/ed24/ac/ac04_067.htm

https://careweb.careguidelines.com/ed24/ac/ac04_071.htm

https://careweb.careguidelines.com/ed24/ac/ac04_088.htm

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