



Updated Policy for Coverage of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibitors (VEGF) for Ocular Indications

Effective Dec. 1, 2021, **Avastin** will be the preferred treatment for:

- Neovascular age related macular degeneration
- Diabetic macular edema
- Macular edema due to retinal vein occlusion, among others

Prior authorization is not required for Avastin. Please see the table below for details.

Code	Prior authorization required
J9035 Injection, bevacizumab, 10 mg	No
Q5107 Injection, bevacizumab-awwb, biosimilar, (mvasi), 10 mg	No
Q5118 Injection, bevacizumab-bvcr, biosimilar, (Zirabev), 10 mg	No
J0178 Injection, aflibercept, 1 mg	Yes
J2778 Injection, ranibizumab, 0.1 mg	Yes
J0179 Injection, brolucizumab-dbl, 1 mg**	Yes
** Does not apply to HAP Medicare and HAP Empowered MI Health Link	

Enrollees currently using the above products can continue current therapy until they complete treatment.

Obtaining prior authorization

To request prior authorization for Lucentis, Eylea or Beovu, you can use our online prior authorization application, CareAffiliate. Here are the steps:

- Log in at **hap.org**
- Select *Authorizations*
- Select the appropriate request type (see tip below)
 - DRUG-EYLEA-J0178-OFFICE admin
 - DRUG-LUCENTIS-J2778-OFFICE admin
 - DRUG-BEOVU-J0179-OFFICE admin

Tip! To search for a drug request type:

- Select the magnifying glass next to the *Request Type* field
- Enter ***drug*** in the request type description field and click search

This updated policy applies to all HAP, HAP Empowered Medicaid, HAP Empowered MI Health Link, and HAP Medicare members. You can review the full policy online. Log in at **hap.org**; select *Benefit Administration Manual* under *Quick links* and search for *Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibitors (VEGF) for Ocular Indications*.

Important reminder

CMS periodically updates codes. We continuously review and monitor procedures to determine any potential changes in coverage. Therefore, it's important to always check if a drug requires prior authorization. Here are the steps:

- Log in at **hap.org**
- Select *Procedure Reference Lists* under *Quick links*
- Select *Services that Require Prior Authorization List*