

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Field Description</u>
<u>Prior Authorization Group Description</u>	<u>Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors for Ophthalmic Conditions</u>
<u>Drugs</u>	<p><u>Preferred Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitor(s):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Avastin, Mvasi, Zirabev (bevacizumab)</u></li> <li>• <u>Lucentis (ranibizumab)</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Non-Preferred Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitor(s):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Beovu (brolucizumab)</u></li> <li>• <u>Eylea (afibercept)</u></li> <li>• <u>Macugen (pegaptanib)</u></li> <li>• <u>Any newly marketed agent in this class</u></li> </ul> <p><u>**If the request is for an alternative indication please use the Specialty Drugs Criteria or Oncology Drugs Criteria as appropriate**</u></p>
<u>Covered Uses</u>	<u>Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.</u>
<u>Exclusion Criteria</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>Required Medical Information</u>	<u>See “other criteria”</u>
<u>Age Restrictions</u>	<u>Approvable for adults 18 years of age and older only</u>
<u>Prescriber Restrictions</u>	<u>Ophthalmologist</u>
<u>Coverage Duration</u>	<u>If the above conditions are met, the request will be approved with a 3 month duration for initial and 12 months for renewal; if the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.</u>
<u>Other Criteria</u>	<p><u>**Drug is being requested through the member’s medical benefit**</u></p> <p><u>Avastin, Mvasi, Zirabev:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Request is for compendia supported dosing for an ophthalmic indication</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Lucentis:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Request is for an FDA-approved dosing regimen</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Non-Preferred VEGF Inhibitor:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Request is for an FDA-approved dosing regimen; AND</u></li> </ul>

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- Documented trial and failure with a preferred VEGF inhibitor for all FDA-approved indications OR: a medical justification for not using a preferred VEGF inhibitor (e.g. experienced a severe ADR such as hypersensitivity, arterial thromboembolism, cerebrovascular accident, raised intraocular pressure, retinal detachment).  
Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.