

# SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

## EYLEA (aflibercept)

### POLICY

#### I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

##### FDA-Approved Indications

Eylea is indicated for the treatment of:

- A. Diabetic macular edema
- B. Diabetic retinopathy
- C. Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration
- D. Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

#### II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

##### A. Diabetic Macular Edema

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of diabetic macular edema.

##### B. Diabetic Retinopathy

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of diabetic retinopathy.

##### C. Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration.

##### D. Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of macular edema following retinal vein occlusion.

#### III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment of an indication listed in Section II for members who have demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (e.g., improvement or maintenance in best corrected visual acuity [BCVA] or visual field, or a reduction in the rate of vision decline or the risk of more severe vision loss).

#### IV. REFERENCES

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