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SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

LUCENTIS (ranibizumab) BYOOVIZ (ranibizumab-nuna)

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

Lucentis and Byooviz are indicated for:

1. Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration
2. Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion
3. Myopic choroidal neovascularization

Lucentis is also indicated for:

1. Diabetic macular edema
2. Diabetic retinopathy

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. Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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

C. Macular Edema Following Retinal Vein Occlusion

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

D. Diabetic Retinopathy

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

E. Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of myopic choroidal neovascularization.

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

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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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