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Prior Authorization Criteria

Visudyne (verteporfrin)

All requests for Visudyne (verteporfrin) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

For all requests for Visudyne (verteporfrin) all of the following criteria must be met:

- The member is 18 years of age or older
- The treatment is prescribed by, or in consultation with, an ophthalmologist
- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Age Related Macular Degeneration and the following criteria is met:

- The member has had a trial and failure of a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitor (e.g. Avastin), or submitted a clinical reason for not having a trial of a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitor (e.g. Avastin)

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Subfoveal Choroidal Neovascularization and the following criteria is met:

- Must provide documentation showing neovascularization is due to pathologic myopia, or presumed ocular histoplasmosis

Initial Duration of Approval: 12 months
Reauthorization criteria

- Member continues to meet initial criteria for medical necessity

Reauthorization Duration of Approval: 12 months

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

When criteria are not met, the request will be forwarded to a Medical Director for review. The physician reviewer must override criteria when, in their professional judgment, the requested medication is medically necessary.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FORM

Please complete and fax all requested information below including any progress notes, laboratory test results, or chart documentation as applicable to Gateway Health℠ Pharmacy Services. **FAX:** (888) 245-2049
If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative.
PHONE: (800) 392-1147 Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:00pm

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member Name:	DOB:
Gateway ID:	Member weight: _____pounds or _____kg

REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION

Medication:	Strength:
Frequency:	Duration:
Is the member currently receiving requested medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Medication Initiated:

Billing Information

This medication will be billed: ☐ at a pharmacy **OR**
☐ medically (if medically please provide a JCODE:_____

Place of Service: ☐ Hospital ☐ Provider's office ☐ Member's home ☐ Other

Place of Service Information

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)

Diagnosis: _____ ICD-10 Code: _____

CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY

Medication Name	Strength/ Frequency	Dates of Therapy	Status (Discontinued & Why/Current)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE

Prescribing Provider Signature	Date