

Avastin (Bevacizumab) for Ocular Indications

Also known as	<div><div></div><div><div>1. Avastin</div><div>2. Bevacizumab</div><div>3. Intravitreal vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)</div><div>4. VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) inhibitor antibody treatment</div></div></div>						
Description	<div><div>Avastin (bevacizumab) is an intravitreal VEGF inhibitor antibody treatment used to stop unwanted vascular formations within the eye. Treatment is aimed at preserving a person’s current level of vision by delaying or stopping further vision loss. This therapy treats macular degeneration which is a major cause of blindness in older adults. It is used as a first-line treatment as well as second-line treatment of lesions that remain active after Visudyne treatment.</div><div>It is administered by injection directly into the vitreous portion of the eye.</div></div>						
See also	<div><div>Similar, related, or easily confused documents.</div><div><div><div>• Afilbercept (Eylea, Eylea HD) - Another type of VEGF inhibitor.</div><div>• Beovu (Brolucizumab-dblI) – Age-related macular degeneration treatment</div><div>• Bevacizumab – Avastin used in the treatment of cancer</div><div>• Laser Treatments for Neovascularization Associated with Macular Degeneration - Macular degeneration (MD) treatment.</div><div>• Lucentis (Ranibizumab) - Another type of VEGF inhibitor.</div><div>• Macugen (Pegaptanib Sodium) - Another type of VEGF inhibitor.</div><div>• Photodynamic Therapy with Visudyne (Verteporfin) for Ocular Indications - Intravenous (IV) infusion activated by light.</div></div></div></div>						
Table of Contents	<div><div>The following topics are included in this document:</div><div><div>• Commercial</div><div>• Government Programs</div><div>• Individual and Family Business (IFB)</div></div></div>						
Document history	<div><div>The document history for the past 12 months is outlined below.</div><table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>4.12.24</td><td>Refreshed for age.</td></tr><tr><td>4.4.24</td><td>Updated to new template.</td></tr></table></div>	Date	Description	4.12.24	Refreshed for age.	4.4.24	Updated to new template.
Date	Description						
4.12.24	Refreshed for age.						
4.4.24	Updated to new template.						

Commercial

Introduction	This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.						
Benefits (all except MMP)	Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.						
Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)	Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.						
Document history	<div>The document history for the past 12 months is outlined below.</div> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>4.12.24</td><td>Refreshed for age.</td></tr><tr><td>4.4.24</td><td>Updated to new template.</td></tr></table>	Date	Description	4.12.24	Refreshed for age.	4.4.24	Updated to new template.
Date	Description						
4.12.24	Refreshed for age.						
4.4.24	Updated to new template.						

Government Programs

Introduction	This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.						
AccessAbility (SNBC), Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)	<p>Medicaid only groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See Medicaid below. <p>Medicare eligible groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medicare is the primary payer.• If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.						
AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC), DUAL (MSHO)	<p>Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medica is the only payer.						
Cost (Prime)	<p>Quote office visit benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professionally administered drugs pull multiple benefits. It is important to quote ALL benefits.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Administration: Covered under office visit benefits.– Drug (J-code): Covered under <i>Part B Prescription Drugs</i> in the EOC.• Follows Medicare guidelines.						
Med Advantage	<p>Quote office visit benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professionally administered drugs pull multiple benefits. It is important to quote ALL benefits.<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Administration: Covered under office visit benefits.– Drug (J-code): Covered under <i>Part B Prescription Drugs</i> in the EOC.• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medica is the only payer.						
Med Supp (Select, Signature)	<p>Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows Medicare guidelines.• Medicare supplement.• Medicare is the primary payer.						
Medicaid	Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.						
Document history	<p>The document history for the past 12 months is outlined below.</p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>4.12.24</td><td>Refreshed for age.</td></tr><tr><td>4.4.24</td><td>Updated to new template.</td></tr></table>	Date	Description	4.12.24	Refreshed for age.	4.4.24	Updated to new template.
Date	Description						
4.12.24	Refreshed for age.						
4.4.24	Updated to new template.						

Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction	This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.						
Benefits	Quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.						
Document history	<div>The document history for the past 12 months is outlined below.</div> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>4.12.24</td><td>Refreshed for age.</td></tr><tr><td>4.4.24</td><td>Updated to new template.</td></tr></table>	Date	Description	4.12.24	Refreshed for age.	4.4.24	Updated to new template.
Date	Description						
4.12.24	Refreshed for age.						
4.4.24	Updated to new template.						