



MVP Health Care Medicaid Medical Policy

Avastin (bevacizumab)

Type of Policy: Medical

Effective Date: 12/03/2019

Related Policies: Experimental or Investigational Procedures Experimental or Investigational Procedures, Behavioral Health Services, Drugs and Treatments, Off-Label use of FDA Approved Drugs, and Clinical Trials Policy.

Codes covered under the medical benefit

J9035 Injection, bevacizumab, 10 mg

C9257 Injection, bevacizumab, 0.25mg

Administration Codes

96413 Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; up to 1 hour, single or initial substance/drug

96415 Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Use 96415 in conjunction with 96413.

67028 Intravitreal injection of a pharmacologic agent (separate procedure)

Overview

Avastin (bevacizumab) is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEG-F) directed monoclonal antibody. It is indicated for the treatment of cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, glioblastoma multiforme, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), ovarian cancer and renal cell cancer. Avastin (bevacizumab) also has compendia supported off label indications for ophthalmic use in the treatment of diabetic macular edema, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration.

Indications/Criteria

On label use of Avastin is covered under the member's medical benefit and is subject to retro-review only. Off label use is subject to prior authorization and must meet MVP's clinical coverage criteria for Experimental or Investigational Procedures Experimental or Investigational Procedures, Behavioral Health Services, Drugs and Treatments, Off-Label use of FDA Approved Drugs, and Clinical Trials Policy.

References

1. Avastin [prescribing information]. San Francisco, CA; Genentech, INC. June 2018.
2. Mvasi [prescribing information]. Thousand Oaks, CA; Amgen. June 2019.