

Beovu® (brolucizumab-dblI) (Intravitreal)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided annually and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

- 6 mg single-dose vial for injection: 1 vial per eye every 25 days
- 6 mg single-dose pre-filled syringe for injection: 1 syringe per eye every 25 days

B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

Diagnosis	MU for Initial Dosing	MU for Maintenance Dosing
Neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD)	12 billable units every 25 days x 3 doses	12 billable units every 56-84 days

(Max units are based on administration to both eyes)

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient has tried and failed treatment with Avastin (bevacizumab) or a contraindication exists; **AND**
- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**

Universal Criteria ¹

- Patient is free of ocular and/or peri-ocular infections; **AND**
- Patient does not have active intraocular inflammation; **AND**
- Therapy will not be used with other ophthalmic VEGF inhibitors (i.e., aflibercept, ranibizumab, pegaptanib, bevacizumab, etc.); **AND**
- Patient's best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) is measured at baseline and periodically during treatment; **AND**
- Patient has a definitive diagnosis of the following:

Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) † 1

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia recommended indication(s); Ⓢ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria 1

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and indication-specific relevant criteria as identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: endophthalmitis and retinal detachment, increase in intraocular pressure, arterial thromboembolic events, retinal vasculitis and/or retinal vascular occlusion; **AND**
- Patient has had a beneficial response to therapy (e.g., improvement in the baseline best corrected visual acuity (BCVA), etc.) and continued administration is necessary for the maintenance treatment of the condition

V. Dosage/Administration 1,2

Indication	Dose
AMD	The recommended dose for Beovu is 6 mg (0.05 mL of 120 mg/mL solution) administered by intravitreal injection monthly (approximately every 25-31 days) for the first three doses, followed by 6 mg (0.05 mL) by intravitreal injection once every 8-12 weeks. – <i>For many patients, dosing at the every 12 week frequency is sufficient. For some patients who show continued disease activity, increasing the frequency to every 8 weeks may be considered.</i>

- Decreasing the interval of maintenance doses from 12-weeks to 8-weeks will be allowed if the patient has received all three loading doses and has evidence of disease activity, indicated by one of the following, at (or beyond) treatment-week 16:
 - Decrease in BCVA of ≥ 5 letters compared to baseline; **OR**
 - Decrease in BCVA of ≥ 3 letters and central subfield thickness $\geq 75 \mu\text{m}$ compared with week 12; **OR**
 - Decrease in BCVA of ≥ 5 letters due to neovascular AMD disease activity compared with week 12; **OR**
 - New or worsening intra-retinal cysts or fluid compared with week 12

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS:

- J0179 – Injection, brolucizumab-dblb, 1 mg; 1 mg = 1 billable unit

NDC:

- Beovu 6 mg/0.05 mL single-dose vial kit with injection components: 00078-0827-xx
- Beovu 6 mg/0.05 mL single-dose pre-filled syringe: 00078-0827-xx

VII. References

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
H35.3210	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, stage unspecified
H35.3211	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
H35.3212	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
H35.3213	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive scar
H35.3220	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, stage unspecified
H35.3221	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
H35.3222	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
H35.3223	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive scar

BEOVU® (brolucizumab-dbll) Prior Auth Criteria

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
H35.3230	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, stage unspecified
H35.3231	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with active choroidal neovascularization
H35.3232	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
H35.3233	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive scar
H35.3290	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, stage unspecified
H35.3291	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with active choroidal neovascularization
H35.3292	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with inactive choroidal neovascularization
H35.3293	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, unspecified eye, with inactive scar

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), and Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/new-search/>. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA):

Jurisdiction(s): 6, K	NCD/LCD Document (s): A52451
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/new-search/search-results.aspx?keyword=a52451&areaId=all&docType=NCA%2CCAL%2CNCD%2CMEDCAC%2CTA%2CMD%2C6%2C3%2C5%2C1%2CF%2CP	

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
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E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA, LLC
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)

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15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC