

Clinical Policy Title: Latanoprostene Bunod (Vyzulta)
Policy Number: RxA.566
Drug(s) Applied: Latanoprostene bunod (Vyzulta®)
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Line of Business: Commercial

Background

Latanoprostene bunod (Vyzulta®) is a prostaglandin analog that is metabolized into two moieties, latanoprost acid and a butanediol mononitrate which releases nitric oxide. It is indicated for the reduction of intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension.

| Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Open-angle glaucoma, Ocular hypertension | 1 drop in the affected eye(s) QD in the evening | 1 bottle/30 days |

Ophthalmic solution: 0.024% (2.5 mL, 5 mL)

Clinical Policy

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Open-Angle Glaucoma, Ocular Hypertension (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension;
2. Age ≥ 17 years;
3. Failure of a generic ophthalmic prostaglandin analog (e.g., latanoprost), ophthalmic beta-blocker (e.g., timolol), or ophthalmic alpha-2 adrenergic agonist (e.g., brimonidine) unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse events are experienced;
4. Dose does not exceed one bottle every 30 days.

Approval duration: Length of Benefit

II. Continued Therapy

A. Open-Angle Glaucoma, Ocular Hypertension (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via RxAdvance benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one bottle every 30 days.

Approval duration: Length of Benefit

III. Appendices

This clinical policy has been developed to authorize, modify, or determine coverage for individuals with similar conditions. Specific care and treatment may vary depending on individual need and benefits covered by the plan. This policy is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine, nor does it constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. This document may contain prescription brand name drugs that are trademarks of pharmaceutical manufacturers that are not affiliated with RxAdvance.

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
 FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 IOP: intraocular pressure

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| latanoprost (Xalatan®) | 1 drop in the affected eye(s) once daily in the evening | 1 drop/eye/day |
| timolol (Timoptic®) | 1 drop in the affected eye(s) BID | 2 drops/eye/day |
| brimonidine (Alphagan® P) | 1 drop in the affected eye(s) TID | 3 drops/eye/day |

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
 None reported

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