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Dear eye care professional,

Thank you for your participation in the Versant Health network of eye care professionals. This letter informs you of updates to clinical policies and changes in our prior authorization requirements, as recently approved by the Versant Health Medical Policy Council.

The following clinical policies have been updated or added with effective dates as noted.

Policy Number	Policy Name	Criteria Changes	Effective Date
1300	Cataract Surgery	None	4/1/2026
1301	Eyelid and Brow Surgery	None	4/1/2026
1310	Refraction	None	4/1/2026
1311	Adult Strabismus Surgery	None	4/1/2026
1312	Amniotic Membrane	Added the drug Vevye 0.1% concentration for treatment of keratitis sicca syndrome	4/1/2026
1313	Retinal Angiography	None	4/1/2026
1314	Corneal Topography and Tomography	Added allowable indication of Salzmann nodular degeneration.	5/1/2026
1315	Keratoplasty and Keratectomy	Added new procedure Corneal tissue addition keratoplasty (CTAK)	5/1/2026
1317	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibitors	Added biosimilar formulations of existing reference drugs. Deleted Macugen as an A-VEGF treatment.	5/1/2026
1327	Glaucoma Surgery	Clarified surgical criteria for treatment of all severities of glaucoma for excisional procedures (trabeculotomy, goniotomy). Also clarified wording for patients unable to adhere to nonsurgical therapies.	4/1/2026
1336	Telemedicine	Updated with 8 new allowable procedure codes.	4/1/2026
1343	Durysta bimatoprost implant	None	4/1/2026
1300	Cataract Surgery	None	4/1/2026

1301	Eyelid and Brow Surgery	None	4/1/2026
1310	Refraction	None	4/1/2026

We added or changed the following codes within our prior authorization list for quarter 1, 2026 as follows:

1317	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Inhibitors (Anti-VEGF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J9400 Add Zaltrap ziv-aflibercept, 1 mg</li> <li>Q5155 Add new permanent code for aflibercept-jbvf Yesafili</li> </ul>	Effective 5/1/2026
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Our clinical policies and the most current prior authorization list can be found in the Eye Care Professional Portal located at [ecp.versanthealth.com](http://ecp.versanthealth.com).

We greatly appreciate the professional care you give to our members. Thank you for being a part of the Versant Health network of eye care professionals.

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