



Prior Authorization Flexibilities in Response to Avastin Shortage

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Dear Care1st Provider:

Care1st Health Plan Arizona is aware of the current shortage of repackaged Avastin and the impact it has on your practice and your ability to care for your patients and our members.

While we will continue to monitor the supply and distribution of Avastin, the preferred form of bevacizumab for AHCCCS, Care1st wants to ensure our members will continue to have access to the care they need and therefore, effective 07/01/2021, the following flexibilities will be implemented to address this shortage:

- Removal of Prior authorization requirements for Biosimilar drugs Msavi/Q5107 and Zirabev/Q5118 when prescribed by an ophthalmology provider.

Care1st understands patients facing vision-threatening diseases such as AMD, macular edema, neurovascular glaucoma and others, need these important sight saving therapies.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Pharmacy Prior Authorization team at 602-778-1800 (option 5, 5).

Thank You!