Clinical Policy: Bimatoprost Implant (Durysta)
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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Bimatoprost implant (Durysta™) is a prostaglandin analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Durysta is indicated for the reduction of intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with open angle glaucoma (OAG) or ocular hypertension (OHT).

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

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Durysta is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Open Angle Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of OAG or OHT;
      2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist;
      3. Age ≥ 18 years;
      4. Medical justification supports inability to manage regular glaucoma eye drop use (e.g., due to age or comorbidities including visual impairment);
      5. The affected eye has not received prior treatment with Durysta;
      6. Member has none of the following contraindications:
         a. Active or suspected ocular or periocular infection;
         b. Diagnosis of corneal endothelial cell dystrophy (e.g., Fuchs’ Dystrophy);
         c. History of corneal transplantation or endothelial cell transplant (e.g., Descemet’s Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK));
         d. Absent or ruptured posterior lens capsule;
         e. Hypersensitivity to bimatoprost or to any other component of Durysta;
      7. Dose does not exceed 10 mcg (one implant) per eye.
   Approval duration: one implant per eye (lifetime total)

   B. Other diagnoses/indications
      1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.
II. Continued Therapy
   A. Open Angle Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension
      1. Re-authorization is not permitted. Members must meet the initial approval criteria.
         **Approval duration: Not applicable**

   B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):
      1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
         **Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or**
      2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:
   A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information
   **Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key**
   DSAEK: Descemet’s Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty
   FDA: Food and Drug Administration
   IOP: intraocular pressure
   OAG: open angle glaucoma
   OHT: ocular hypertension

   **Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives**
   Not applicable

   **Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings**
   • Contraindication(s): ocular or periorcular infections, corneal endothelial cell dystrophy, prior corneal transplantation, absent or ruptured posterior lens capsule, hypersensitivity to bimatoprost or to any other components of the product.
   • Boxed warning(s): none reported.

V. Dosage and Administration
   **Indication** | **Dosing Regimen** | **Maximum Dose**
   ---------------|------------------|------------------
   OAG, IOH        | Intracameral implant containing 10 mcg of bimatoprost in a drug delivery system | One implant per eye
   | General Information: Durysta is an ophthalmic drug delivery system for a single intracameral administration of a biodegradable implant.
### Indication

Durysta should not be readministered to an eye that received a prior Durysta.

**Administration:**
The intracameral injection procedure must be performed under magnification that allows clear visualization of the anterior chamber structures and should be carried out using standard aseptic conditions for intracameral procedures, with the patient’s head in a stabilized position. The eye should not be dilated prior to the procedure. Remove the foil pouch from the carton and examine for damage. Then, open the foil pouch over a sterile field and gently drop the applicator on a sterile tray. Once the foil pouch is opened, use promptly. See package insert for additional instructions.

### VI. Product Availability

Intracameral implant in a single-use applicator that is packaged in a sealed foil pouch containing desiccant: 10 mcg bimatoprost

### VII. References

Important Reminder
This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:
For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.