Aqueous Stents for Treatment of Glaucoma
Clinical Coverage Criteria

Overview
When intraocular pressure (IOP) is not properly controlled in a patient with glaucoma there is a risk fluid may not drain properly thus leading to further damage to the eye including potential blindness. First line treatments for IOP are typically pharmacological in nature. Surgery is often indicated when pharmacological interventions do not work. The insertion of aqueous shunts to control IOP is a fairly new procedure which is performed during cataract surgery and designed to increase drainage.

Policy
Fallon Health requires prior authorization for use of Aqueous Stent. The member must meet all of the below criteria in order for approval.

1. The member must be diagnosed with open-angle glaucoma
2. The member must have a documented trial and failure of medications to adequately control intraocular pressure.

Exclusions
- Any use of Aqueous stents other than indicated above.

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References


### Policy History

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