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Corneal Cross-Linking (CXL)

MP9470

Covered Service: Yes

**Prior Authorization
Required:** No

**Additional
Information:** None

Prevea360 Health Plan Medical Policy:

- 1.0 Conventional and accelerated corneal Cross-Linking (CXL), which utilizes riboflavin and ultraviolet –A (UVA) to strengthen chemical bonds in the cornea, **does not** require prior authorization and is considered medically necessary for the treatment of keratoconus or corneal ectasia.
- 2.0 Conventional and accelerated Corneal cross-linking is considered experimental and investigational and therefore not medically necessary for all other indications.
- 3.0 Conventional and accelerated corneal cross-linking is considered experimental and investigational, and therefore not medically necessary when performed concurrently with other procedures, also known as CXL-plus, (e.g., intrastromal corneal ring segments [INTACS]) or photorefractive keratectomy or phakic intraocular lens implantation.
- 4.0 Transepithelial and partial epithelium-off corneal cross-linking is considered experimental and investigational, and therefore not covered.

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