## **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

ATTN: OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION NO LONGER NEEDED FOR INTRAVITREAL AVASTIN

## **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Highmark is pleased to let our network ophthalmologists know that **prior authorizations are no longer** needed for the intravitreal use of Avastin.

In the majority of cases, this drug is used for oncology-related treatment, but we understand that ophthalmologists may use Avastin for treatment of retinal vascular conditions. As a result, our technology team has been working diligently to complete the required work so your eligible intravitreal Avastin claims could be paid without prior authorization.

We would like to thank you for your patience and your willingness to complete the prior authorization requirement for Avastin while our technology teams completed the required work.

