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DEFINITIONS:

'Director' means the director of the Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan appointed as per section 4(1) of the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

'Client' means a person who is eligible for and entitled to insured health services as defined in the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

'Progression' means, for the purpose of this policy, the process of developing or moving towards a more advanced state.

BACKGROUND:

This policy applies to those eligible clients insured as defined by the *Yukon Health Care Insurance Plan Act*, who are seeking corneal collagen cross-linking surgery for the treatment of progressive corneal thinning disorders.

POLICY:

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Funding requests must be made in writing by the family physician, optometrist or ophthalmologist to Yukon's Medical Advisor for pre-approval prior to surgery being performed. Supporting documentation must show:
 - Patients 25 or older must show progression of greater than 1 dioptre change in refractive astigmatism OR a greater than one-line loss of corrected acuity documented over a minimum of two examinations. Patients under the age of 25 with keratoconus do not need to show progression.
 - Diagnosis of corneal thinning disorder, progressive in nature (i.e. keratoconus, pellucid marginal degeneration).

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Conditions for funding are:

- Surgery is not a benefit when claimed in association or in relationship with refractive surgery for shape improvement.
- Procedure includes both corneal pachymetry (pre and post), corneal de-epithelization, all isometric riboflavin drops, any other drops, the technician's time, use of the UV-A-light.
- Surgery is not a benefit when claimed for corneal ectasia secondary to refractive laser surgery or lasik.
- Second eye paid at 50% if performed same day.
- Authorization for coverage will be given only once in a patient's lifetime.
- When performed in a publicly-funded facility, the technical fee is not paid.

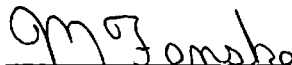
Preauthorization for surgical intervention remain valid for one (1) year from the date of the approval letter.

APPEALS

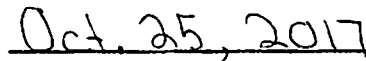
Decisions of the Department may be appealed in writing to the Director of Insured Health and Hearing Services for review. Letters should be addressed as follows:

Director, Insured Health and Hearing Services (H-2)
Department of Health and Social Services
Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT
Y1A 2C6

Note: All requirements of the Acts and Regulations governing Yukon Health Care Insurance remain in effect. All decisions on interpretation will be referred to the Director of Insured Health & Hearing Services.



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A/Director



Date