

# Avacincaptad Pegol (IZERVAY) Intravitreal Injection

## Criteria for Use

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The Product Information should be consulted for detailed prescribing information.

See the VA National PBM-MAP-VPE Monograph on this drug at the [PBM INTRAnet](#) site for further information.

### Exclusion Criteria

If the answer to ANY item below is met, then the patient should NOT receive avacincaptad

- Geographic atrophy that is secondary to a condition other than age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Ocular or periocular infections
- Active intraocular inflammation

### Inclusion Criteria

All of the following criteria must be met.

- Provider is a VA or VA Community Care ophthalmologist
- Diagnosis of geographic atrophy secondary to AMD

In clinical trials, use of avacincaptad was associated with increased rates of neovascular (wet) AMD or choroidal neovascularization. Patients should be monitored for signs of neovascular AMD. In case anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (anti-VEGF) is required, it should be given separately from avacincaptad administration.