

Reference number(s)
5038-A

SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

SUSVIMO (ranibizumab injection)

POLICY

I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication

Susvimo is indicated for the treatment of patients with Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD) who have previously responded to at least two intravitreal injections of a Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) inhibitor.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. Member has a diagnosis of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration.
- B. Member has previously responded to at least two intravitreal injections of a Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) inhibitor (e.g., Avastin, Eylea) within the past 6 months.
- C. Must be used in conjunction with the Susvimo ocular implant.

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment of an indication listed in Section II for members who have demonstrated a positive clinical response to therapy (e.g., improvement or maintenance in best corrected visual acuity [BCVA] or visual field, or a reduction in the rate of vision decline or the risk of more severe vision loss).

IV. REFERENCES

1. Susvimo. [package insert]. San Francisco, CA: Genentech, Inc.; October 2021.
2. American Academy of Ophthalmology Retinal/Vitreous Panel. Preferred Practice Pattern® Guidelines. Age-Related Macular Degeneration. San Francisco, CA: American Academy of Ophthalmology; 2019. Available at: <https://www.aao.org/preferred-practice-pattern/age-related-macular-degeneration-ppp>.