

# PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

## Georgia Medicaid

<b>DRUG NAME</b>	<b>Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa)</b>
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Vabysmo is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and angiopoietin-2 (Ang-2) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (nAMD) or Diabetic Macular Edema (DME). It is administered by intravitreal injection by a physician. VEGF inhibitors suppress endothelial cell proliferation, neovascularization, and vascular permeability. Inhibition of Ang-2 is thought to promote vascular stability and desensitize blood vessels to the effects of VEGF-A. Vabysmo was approved based on results showing achievement of vision gains noninferior to Eylea, often given at a longer dosing interval.

Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

### Retinal Disease

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is at least 18 years of age; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of one of the following conditions:
  - a) Neovascular (wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
  - b) Diabetic Macular Edema (DME); AND
4. Member has tried and failed bevacizumab intravitreal injection; AND
5. Documentation of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA); AND
6. Member does NOT have active infection or inflammation in or around the eye(s) to be treated.
7. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** See package insert for important details. In summary, start with 6 mg every 4 weeks for 4 to 6 doses; adjust per evaluations described in package insert to one of a variety of intervals, out to every 16 weeks.  
 Note: For most patients, every 4-week dosing did not demonstrate additional efficacy compared to every 8 weeks.  
 Limit: 1 vial per eye per 28 days

***If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.***

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must include documentation of improved or stabilized visual acuity.

***If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.***

**CareSource considers Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off-Label policy.**

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
04/05/2022	New policy for Vabysmo created.
05/25/2023	Annual review; no updates.

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