



PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT TRICARE

DRUG NAME	Susvimo (ranibizumab)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Susvimo, approved by the FDA in 2021, is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitor intravitreal ocular implant, 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 VEGF inhibitor, diabetic macular edema (DME) who have previously responded to at least two intravitreal injections of a VEGF inhibitor, and diabetic retinopathy (DR) who have previously responded to at least two intravitreal injections of a VEGF inhibitor.

VEGF inhibitors suppress endothelial cell proliferation, neovascularization, and vascular permeability.

Susvimo was previously referred to as Lucentis Port Delivery System (PDS) since it is essentially a longer lasting version of Lucentis, releasing ranibizumab over a 6 or 9 month period (depending on indication) rather than needing to be administered monthly. Then, the port can be re-filled. Lucentis is approved for additional indications.

Susvimo has a black box warning for endophthalmitis, an infection inside the eye which is a medical emergency.

Susvimo (ranibizumab) 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 confirmed diagnosis of one of the following conditions:
 - a) Neovascular (wet) Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
 - b) Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)
 - c) Diabetic Retinopathy (DR); AND
4. Member has previously responded to at least 2 intravitreal injections of a VEGF inhibitor; AND
5. Documentation of medical necessity rationale why a preferred intravitreal injectable VEGF inhibitor cannot be used; AND
6. Documentation of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA); AND
7. Member does NOT have any ocular or periocular infections or active intraocular inflammation.
8. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:**
AMD, DME: 2 mg via surgical administration every 6 months. (1 vial per eye per 6 months)
DR: 2 mg via surgical administration every 9 months. (1 vial per eye per 9 months)

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.

TRICARE Prime® Demo by CareSource Military & Veterans™ considers Susvimo (ranibizumab) 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
11/09/2021	New policy for Susvimo created.
05/19/2023	Added baseline BCVA documentation.
11/08/2024	Annual review; no updates.
03/11/2025	Updated references. Removed note about bevacizumab. Added medical necessity rationale criterion. Added new indication for DME.
06/06/2025	Added new indication for DR.

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