

ranibizumab-eqrn (Cimerli)**Medical Benefit Drug Policy**Place of Service

Infusion Center Administration

Office Administration

Outpatient Facility Administration

Drug Details**USP Category:** OPHTHALMIC AGENTS**Mechanism of Action:** Ranibizumab-eqrn is a recombinant humanized IgG1 kappa isotype monoclonal antibody fragment designed for intraocular use. Ranibizumab binds to and inhibits the biologic activity of human vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF).**HCPCS:**

Q5128:Injection, ranibizumab-eqrn (cimerli), biosimilar, 0.1 mg

How Supplied:

0.3 mg, 0.5 mg (Single-dose glass vial)

Condition(s) listed in policy *(see coverage criteria for details)*

- Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) or Diabetic Retinopathy
- Macular Edema Secondary to Retinal Vein Occlusion
- Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization
- Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

Any condition not listed in this policy requires a review to confirm it is medically necessary. For conditions that have not been approved for intended use by the Food and Drug Administration (i.e., off-label use), the criteria outlined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 51303 and 51313 must be met.

Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) to ensure the member has met all medical necessity requirements.

The member's specific benefit may impact drug coverage. Other utilization management processes, and/or legal restrictions may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

Coverage Criteria**The following condition(s) require Prior Authorization/Preservice.****Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) or Diabetic Retinopathy****Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:****Covered Doses:**

Up to 0.3 mg administered by intravitreal injection once monthly into the affected eye

Coverage Period:

Yearly

ICD-10:

(X= 0-9) E08.3XXX, E09.3XXX, E10.3XXX, E11.3XXX, E13.3XXX

Macular Edema Secondary to Retinal Vein Occlusion

Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:

Covered Doses:

Up to 0.5 mg administered by intravitreal injection once monthly into the affected eye

Coverage Period:

Yearly

ICD-10:

H34.8110-8112, H34.8120-8122, H34.8130- 8132, H34.8190-8192, H34.8310-8312, H34.8320-8322, H34.8330- 8332, H34.8390-8392

Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization

Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:

Covered Doses:

Up to 0.5 mg administered by intravitreal injection once monthly into the affected eye

Coverage Period:

Yearly

ICD-10:

H35.051-H35.053, H35.059, H44.21-H44.23

Neovascular (Wet) Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:

Covered Doses:

Up to 0.5 mg administered by intravitreal injection once monthly into the affected eye

Coverage Period:

Yearly

ICD-10:

H35.3210-3213, H35.3220-3223, H35.3230-3233, H35.3290-3293

References

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Review History

Date of Last Annual Review: 1Q2025

Changes from previous policy version:

- No clinical change to policy following annual review.

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