

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Eye Prostheses (L33737)

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CGS Administrators, LLC	DME MAC	18003 - DME MAC	J-C	Alabama Arkansas Colorado Florida Georgia Louisiana Mississippi New Mexico North Carolina Oklahoma Puerto Rico South Carolina Tennessee Texas Virgin Islands Virginia West Virginia
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LCD Information

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CMS National Coverage Policy

None

Coverage Guidance

Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements.

The purpose of a Local Coverage Determination (LCD) is to provide information regarding “reasonable and necessary” criteria based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions.

In addition to the “reasonable and necessary” criteria contained in this LCD there are other payment rules, which are discussed in the following documents, that must also be met prior to Medicare reimbursement:

- The LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.

- The LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.
- Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.
- Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

For the items addressed in this LCD, the “reasonable and necessary” criteria, based on Social Security Act § 1862(a)(1)(A) provisions, are defined by the following coverage indications, limitations and/or medical necessity.

Eye prostheses are covered for a beneficiary with absence or shrinkage of an eye due to birth defect, trauma or surgical removal.

Polishing and resurfacing (V2624) is covered on a twice per year basis.

One enlargement (V2625) or reduction (V2626) of the prosthesis is covered without documentation. Additional enlargements or reductions are rarely medically necessary and are therefore covered only when there is information in the medical record which supports medical necessity. This information must be available upon request.

If an item or service does not meet the criteria specified in this section, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary unless there is documentation in the medical record clearly explaining the medical necessity in the individual situation.

GENERAL

A Standard Written Order (SWO) must be communicated to the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving a completed SWO, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

For Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) base items that require a Written Order Prior to Delivery (WOPD), the supplier must have received a signed SWO before the DMEPOS item is delivered to a beneficiary. If a supplier delivers a DMEPOS item without first receiving a WOPD, the claim shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary. Refer to the LCD-related Policy Article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section.

For DMEPOS base items that require a WOPD, and also require separately billed associated options, accessories, and/or supplies, the supplier must have received a WOPD which lists the base item and which may list all the associated options, accessories, and/or supplies that are separately billed prior to the delivery of the items. In this scenario, if the supplier separately bills for associated options, accessories, and/or supplies without first receiving a completed and signed WOPD of the base item prior to delivery, the claim(s) shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

An item/service is correctly coded when it meets all the coding guidelines listed in CMS HCPCS guidelines, LCDs, LCD-related Policy Articles, or DME MAC articles. Claims that do not meet coding guidelines shall be denied as not reasonable and necessary/incorrectly coded.

Proof of delivery (POD) is a Supplier Standard and DMEPOS suppliers are required to maintain POD documentation in their files. Proof of delivery documentation must be made available to the Medicare contractor upon request. All services that do not have appropriate proof of delivery from the supplier shall be denied as not reasonable and

necessary.

Summary of Evidence

N/A

Analysis of Evidence (Rationale for Determination)

N/A

Coding Information

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:

The appearance of a code in this section does not necessarily indicate coverage.

HCPCS MODIFIERS:

EY - No physician or other licensed health care provider order for this item or service

LT - Left side

RT - Right side

HCPCS CODES:

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
L9900	ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SUPPLY, ACCESSORY, AND/OR SERVICE COMPONENT OF ANOTHER HCPCS "L" CODE
V2623	PROSTHETIC EYE, PLASTIC, CUSTOM
V2624	POLISHING/RESURFACING OF OCULAR PROSTHESIS
V2625	ENLARGEMENT OF OCULAR PROSTHESIS
V2626	REDUCTION OF OCULAR PROSTHESIS

CODE	DESCRIPTION
V2627	SCLERAL COVER SHELL
V2628	FABRICATION AND FITTING OF OCULAR CONFORMER
V2629	PROSTHETIC EYE, OTHER TYPE

General Information

Associated Information

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 1833(e) of the Social Security Act precludes payment to any provider of services unless "there has been furnished such information as may be necessary in order to determine the amounts due such provider." It is expected that the beneficiary's medical records will reflect the need for the care provided. The beneficiary's medical records include the treating practitioner's office records, hospital records, nursing home records, home health agency records, records from other healthcare professionals and test reports. This documentation must be available upon request.

GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to justify payment for DMEPOS items, suppliers must meet the following requirements:

- SWO
- Medical Record Information (including continued need/use if applicable)
- Correct Coding
- Proof of Delivery

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding these requirements.

Refer to the Supplier Manual for additional information on documentation requirements.

Refer to the DME MAC web sites for additional bulletin articles and other publications related to this LCD.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Items covered in this LCD have additional policy-specific requirements that must be met prior to Medicare reimbursement.

Refer to the LCD-related Policy article, located at the bottom of this policy under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information.

Miscellaneous

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Coverage Indications, Limitations and/or Medical Necessity

Sources of Information

N/A

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01/01/2017	R5	<p>No changes have been made to this LCD.</p> <p><i>04/05/2018: At this time 21st Century Cures Act will apply to new and revised LCDs that restrict coverage which requires comment and notice. This revision is not a restriction to the coverage determination; and, therefore not all the fields included on the LCD are applicable as noted in this policy.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other

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07/01/2016	R3	<p>Revision Effective Date: 07/01/2016</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Revised: Standard Documentation language</p> <p>Added: Repair/Replacement Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider Education/Guidance
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10/01/2015	R1	<p>Revision Effective Date: 10/31/2014</p> <p>COVERAGE INDICATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND/OR MEDICAL NECESSITY:</p> <p>Revised: Standard Documentation Language to add covered prior to a beneficiary's Medicare eligibility</p> <p>DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Deleted: Reference to refill of supplies from Continued Use</p> <p>Revised: Standard Documentation Language to add who can enter date of delivery date on the POD</p> <p>Added: Instructions for Equipment Retained from a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider Education/Guidance

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A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

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END OF LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION

Per the Code of Federal Regulations, 42 C.F.R § 426. 325, only those portions of the currently effective Local Coverage Determination (LCD) that are based on section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act, may be challenged through an acceptable complaint as described in 42 C.F.R § 426.400. Also, per 42 C.F.R § 426.325 items that are not reviewable, and therefore cannot be challenged, include the Policy Article. Please note the distinction of the documents when reviewing the materials.

Local Coverage Article: Eye Prostheses - Policy Article (A52462)

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Article Information

General Information

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Eye Prostheses - Policy Article

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES

For any item to be covered by Medicare, it must 1) be eligible for a defined Medicare benefit category, 2) be reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member, and 3) meet all other applicable Medicare statutory and regulatory requirements. Information provided in this policy article relates to determinations other than those based on Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) provisions (i.e. "reasonable and necessary").

Eye prostheses are covered under the Medicare Artificial Legs, Arms and Eyes benefit (Social Security Act §1861(s)(9)). In order for a beneficiary's equipment to be eligible for reimbursement the reasonable and necessary (R&N) requirements set out in the related Local Coverage Determination must be met. In addition, there are specific statutory payment policy requirements, discussed below, that also must be met.

Trial scleral cover shells are not separately payable. They are included in the allowance for scleral cover shells, V2627.

The following services and items are included in the allowance for an eye prosthesis and, therefore, are not separately billable to or payable by Medicare under the prosthetic device benefit:

- Evaluation of the beneficiary
- Pre-operative planning
- Cost of materials
- Labor involved in the fabrication and fitting of the prosthesis
- Modifications to the prosthesis made at the time of delivery of the prosthesis or within 90 days thereafter
- Repair due to normal wear or tear within 90 days of delivery
- Follow-up visits within 90 days of delivery of the prosthesis

Modifications to a prosthesis are separately payable when they occur more than 90 days after delivery of the prosthesis and they are required because of a change in the beneficiary's condition.

Repairs are covered when there has been accidental damage or extensive wear to the prosthesis that can be repaired. If the expense for repairs exceeds the estimated expense for a replacement prosthesis, no payments can be made for the amount of the excess.

Follow-up visits which occur more than 90 days after delivery and which do not involve modification or repair of the prosthesis are noncovered services.

Claims for eye prostheses from nonphysicians provided in an office or nursing home setting are submitted to the DME MAC. Claims for eye prostheses from physicians in these settings are submitted to the applicable A/B MAC. Claims for eye prostheses provided in an outpatient hospital setting are submitted to the applicable A/B MAC. Eye prostheses provided in an inpatient hospital setting are included in the payment made to the hospital; therefore, claims should not be submitted to the DME MAC.

Claims for implanted components (e.g., titanium studs, magnets, etc) and procedures used to affix the ocular prosthesis to the beneficiary are not the jurisdiction of the DME MAC. Claims for these items and services will be denied as wrong jurisdiction.

Replacement of an ocular prosthesis because of loss or irreparable damage may be reimbursed without a treating practitioner's order when it is determined that the prosthesis as originally ordered still fills the beneficiary's medical needs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC DMEPOS ITEMS PURSUANT TO FINAL RULE 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217)

Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) requires a face-to-face encounter and a Written Order Prior to Delivery

(WOPD) for specified HCPCS codes. CMS and the DME MACs provides a list of the specified codes, which is periodically updated. The link will be located here once it is available.

Claims for the specified items subject to Final Rule 1713 (84 Fed. Reg Vol 217) that do not meet the face-to-face encounter and WOPD requirements specified in the LCD- related Standard Documentation Requirements Article (A55426) will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

If a supplier delivers an item prior to receipt of a WOPD, it will be denied as not reasonable and necessary. If the WOPD is not obtained prior to delivery, payment will not be made for that item even if a WOPD is subsequently obtained by the supplier. If a similar item is subsequently provided by an unrelated supplier who has obtained a WOPD prior to delivery, it will be eligible for coverage.

POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to policy specific documentation requirements, there are general documentation requirements that are applicable to all DMEPOS policies. These general requirements are located in the DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS section of the LCD.

Refer to the LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements article, located at the bottom of this Policy Article under the Related Local Coverage Documents section for additional information regarding GENERAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS and the POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.

When billing for an item or service at a greater frequency than that described in the policy, there must be documentation in the beneficiary's medical records that corroborates the order and supports the medical necessity of the items and quantities billed. This information must be available upon request.

The treating practitioner's records must contain information which supports the medical necessity of the item ordered. The ocularist's documentation of the necessity for a replacement prosthesis is appropriate documentation for that claim if the replacement is necessitated by other than medical reasons.

CODING GUIDELINES

Trial scleral shells must be billed with code L9900.

The right (RT) and/or left (LT) modifiers must be used with all HCPCS codes in this policy. Effective for claims with dates of service (DOS) on or after 3/1/2019, when the same code for bilateral items (left and right) is billed on the same date of service, bill each item on two separate claim lines using the RT and LT modifiers and 1 unit of service (UOS) on each claim line. Do not use the RTLTLT modifier on the same claim line and billed with 2 UOS. Claims billed without the RT and/or LT modifiers, or with RTLTLT on the same claim line and 2 UOS, will be rejected as incorrect coding.

PROSE[®] (BostonSight, Needham, MA) devices are designed to rest on the sclera or white part of the eye and are used to treat ocular surfaces diseases, including some types of "dry eye." For Medicare billing purposes the correct HCPCS coding for this item is determined based upon the condition(s) being treated. When the PROSE[®] device is used as a treatment for either of the following indications listed below, the correct HCPCS code to use is V2627 (SCLERAL COVER SHELL):

- Treatment of an eye rendered sightless and shrunken by inflammatory disease; or,
- Treatment of "dry eye" where the PROSE[®] device serves as a substitute for the function of the diseased lacrimal gland.

When the PROSE[®] device is used for any conditions other than those listed above, the device must be coded with HCPCS code V2531 (CONTACT LENS, SCLERAL, GAS PERMEABLE, PER LENS (FOR CONTACT LENS MODIFICATION, SEE 92325)) and is subject to the Medicare refractive lens statutory coverage exclusion.

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items.

Coding Information

CPT/HCPCS Codes

N/A

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

N/A

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

N/A

Additional ICD-10 Information

N/A

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the policy does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the policy, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the policy should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

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01/01/2017	R3	<p>Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2017</p> <p>NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES:</p> <p>Removed: Reasonable Useful Lifetime verbiage</p> <p>POLICY SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Added: New reference language and directions to Standard Documentation Requirements</p> <p>Added: Replacement instructions (previously in the related LCD)</p> <p>RELATED LOCAL COVERAGE DOCUMENTS:</p> <p>Added: LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Language Article</p>
07/01/2016	R2	<p>Revision Effective Date: 07/01/2016</p> <p>NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE & PAYMENT RULES:</p> <p>Added: Instructions for services and items included in the allowance of the eye prostheses, and not separately billable</p>
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Associated Documents

Related Local Coverage Document(s)

Article(s)

A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs

LCD(s)

L33737 - Eye Prostheses

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