

Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Refractive Lenses (L33793)

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CGS Administrators, LLC	DME MAC	18003 -	DME MAC J-C	Connecticut District of Columbia Delaware Massachusetts Maryland Maine New Hampshire New Jersey New York - Entire State Pennsylvania Rhode Island Vermont Alaska American Samoa Arizona California - Entire State Guam Hawaii
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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.

Statutory coverage criteria for refractive lenses are specified in the related Policy Article.

For beneficiaries who are aphakic (i.e., who have had a cataract removed but do not have an implanted intraocular lens (IOL) or who have congenital absence of the lens), the following lenses or combinations of lenses are covered when determined to be medically necessary:

1. Bifocal lenses in frames; or
2. Lenses in frames for far vision and lenses in frames for near vision; or
3. When a contact lens(es) for far vision is prescribed (including cases of binocular and monocular aphakia), payment will be made for the contact lens(es), and lens(es) in frames for near vision to be worn at the same time as the contact lens(es) and lenses in frames to be worn when the contacts have been removed.

For beneficiaries who are pseudophakic (i.e., those who have an IOL), refer to the Policy Article for information about coverage of the initial pair of lenses.

For aphakic beneficiaries (i.e., those who do not have an IOL), replacement lenses are covered when they are medically necessary. Refer to the Policy Article for information about noncoverage of replacement lenses for pseudophakic beneficiaries.

Anti-reflective coating (V2750), tints (V2744, V2745) or oversize lenses (V2780) are covered only when they are medically necessary for the individual beneficiary and the medical necessity is documented by the treating physician. When these features are provided as a beneficiary preference item and are billed with an EY modifier (see LCD-related Standard Documentation Requirements Article), they will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

UV protection is considered reasonable and necessary following cataract extraction; therefore, additional medical necessity justification by the treating physician beyond inclusion on the order is not necessary.

The addition of UV coating (V2755) is not reasonable and necessary for polycarbonate lenses (V2784). Claims for code V2755 billed in addition to code V2784 will be denied as not reasonable and necessary. Additional information regarding the coding and billing of UV coating (V2755) on lenses with UV protective properties inherent in the material may be found in the related Policy Article.

Tinted lenses (V2745), including photochromatic lenses (V2744), used as sunglasses, which are prescribed in addition to regular prosthetic lenses to an aphakic beneficiary, will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

Lenses made of polycarbonate or other impact-resistant materials (V2784) are covered only for beneficiaries with functional vision in only one eye. In this situation, an impact-resistant material is covered for both lenses, if eyeglasses are covered. Claims for code V2784 that do not meet this coverage criterion will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.

GENERAL

A Detailed Written Order (DWO) (if applicable) must be received by the supplier before a claim is submitted. If the supplier bills for an item addressed in this policy without first receiving a completed DWO, the claim 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.

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Coding Information

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.

N/A

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

GA – Waiver of liability statement issued as required by payer policy, individual case

GY - Item or service statutorily excluded or doesn't meet the definition of any Medicare benefit category

GZ – Item or service expected to be denied as not reasonable and necessary

KX – Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met

LT - Left side

RT - Right side

HCPCS CODES:

FRAMES:

Group 1 Codes:

V2020 FRAMES, PURCHASES

V2025 DELUXE FRAME

Group 2 Paragraph: EYEGLOSS LENSES

Group 2 Codes:

- V2100 SPHERE, SINGLE VISION, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00, PER LENS
- V2101 SPHERE, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 4.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D, PER LENS
- V2102 SPHERE, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 7.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 20.00D, PER LENS
- V2103 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, .12 TO 2.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2104 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 2.12 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2105 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2106 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2107 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00 SPHERE, .12 TO 2.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2108 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25D TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 2.12 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2109 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2110 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO 7.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2111 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, .25 TO 2.25D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2112 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 2.25D TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2113 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2114 SPHEROCYLINDER, SINGLE VISION, SPHERE OVER PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D, PER LENS
- V2115 LENTICULAR, (MYODISC), PER LENS, SINGLE VISION
- V2118 ANISEIKONIC LENS, SINGLE VISION
- V2121 LENTICULAR LENS, PER LENS, SINGLE
- V2199 NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED, SINGLE VISION LENS
- V2200 SPHERE, BIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D, PER LENS
- V2201 SPHERE, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D, PER LENS
- V2202 SPHERE, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 20.00D, PER LENS
- V2203 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, .12 TO 2.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2204 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 2.12 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2205 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2206 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2207 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE,.12 TO 2.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2208 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 2.12 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2209 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2210 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2211 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, .25 TO 2.25D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2212 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 2.25 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2213 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
- V2214 SPHEROCYLINDER, BIFOCAL, SPHERE OVER PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D, PER LENS
- V2215 LENTICULAR (MYODISC), PER LENS, BIFOCAL
- V2218 ANISEIKONIC, PER LENS, BIFOCAL
- V2219 BIFOCAL SEG WIDTH OVER 28 MM

V2220 BIFOCAL ADD OVER 3.25D
V2221 LENTICULAR LENS, PER LENS, BIFOCAL
V2299 SPECIALTY BIFOCAL (BY REPORT)
V2300 SPHERE, TRIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D, PER LENS
V2301 SPHERE, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D, PER LENS
V2302 SPHERE, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.12 TO PLUS OR MINUS 20.00, PER LENS
V2303 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, .12-2.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2304 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 2.25-4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2305 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00 CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2306 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLANO TO PLUS OR MINUS 4.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2307 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, .12 TO 2.00 CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2308 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 2.12 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2309 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2310 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 4.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 7.00D SPHERE, OVER 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2311 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, .25 TO 2.25D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2312 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 2.25 TO 4.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2313 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, PLUS OR MINUS 7.25 TO PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D SPHERE, 4.25 TO 6.00D CYLINDER, PER LENS
V2314 SPHEROCYLINDER, TRIFOCAL, SPHERE OVER PLUS OR MINUS 12.00D, PER LENS
V2315 LENTICULAR, (MYODISC), PER LENS, TRIFOCAL
V2318 ANISEIKONIC LENS, TRIFOCAL
V2319 TRIFOCAL SEG WIDTH OVER 28 MM
V2320 TRIFOCAL ADD OVER 3.25D
V2321 LENTICULAR LENS, PER LENS, TRIFOCAL
V2399 SPECIALTY TRIFOCAL (BY REPORT)
V2410 VARIABLE ASPHERICITY LENS, SINGLE VISION, FULL FIELD, GLASS OR PLASTIC, PER LENS
V2430 VARIABLE ASPHERICITY LENS, BIFOCAL, FULL FIELD, GLASS OR PLASTIC, PER LENS
V2499 VARIABLE SPHERICITY LENS, OTHER TYPE

Group 3 Paragraph: CONTACT LENSES

Group 3 Codes:

V2500 CONTACT LENS, PMMA, SPHERICAL, PER LENS
V2501 CONTACT LENS, PMMA, TORIC OR PRISM BALLAST, PER LENS
V2502 CONTACT LENS, PMMA, BIFOCAL, PER LENS
V2503 CONTACT LENS, PMMA, COLOR VISION DEFICIENCY, PER LENS
V2510 CONTACT LENS, GAS PERMEABLE, SPHERICAL, PER LENS
V2511 CONTACT LENS, GAS PERMEABLE, TORIC, PRISM BALLAST, PER LENS
V2512 CONTACT LENS, GAS PERMEABLE, BIFOCAL, PER LENS
V2513 CONTACT LENS, GAS PERMEABLE, EXTENDED WEAR, PER LENS
V2520 CONTACT LENS, HYDROPHILIC, SPHERICAL, PER LENS
V2521 CONTACT LENS, HYDROPHILIC, TORIC, OR PRISM BALLAST, PER LENS
V2522 CONTACT LENS, HYDROPHILIC, BIFOCAL, PER LENS
V2523 CONTACT LENS, HYDROPHILIC, EXTENDED WEAR, PER LENS
V2530 CONTACT LENS, SCLERAL, GAS IMPERMEABLE, PER LENS (FOR CONTACT LENS MODIFICATION, SEE 92325)
V2531 CONTACT LENS, SCLERAL, GAS PERMEABLE, PER LENS (FOR CONTACT LENS MODIFICATION, SEE 92325)
V2599 CONTACT LENS, OTHER TYPE

Group 4 Paragraph: LOW VISION AIDS

Group 4 Codes:

V2600 HAND HELD LOW VISION AIDS AND OTHER NONSPECTACLE MOUNTED AIDS

V2610 SINGLE LENS SPECTACLE MOUNTED LOW VISION AIDS

V2615 TELESCOPIC AND OTHER COMPOUND LENS SYSTEM, INCLUDING DISTANCE VISION TELESCOPIC, NEAR VISION TELESCOPES AND COMPOUND MICROSCOPIC LENS SYSTEM

Group 5 Paragraph: MISCELLANEOUS**Group 5 Codes:**

V2700 BALANCE LENS, PER LENS

V2702 DELUXE LENS FEATURE

V2710 SLAB OFF PRISM, GLASS OR PLASTIC, PER LENS

V2715 PRISM, PER LENS

V2718 PRESS-ON LENS, FRESNELL PRISM, PER LENS

V2730 SPECIAL BASE CURVE, GLASS OR PLASTIC, PER LENS

V2744 TINT, PHOTOCHROMATIC, PER LENS

V2745 ADDITION TO LENS; TINT, ANY COLOR, SOLID, GRADIENT OR EQUAL, EXCLUDES PHOTOCHROMATIC, ANY LENS MATERIAL, PER LENS

V2750 ANTI-REFLECTIVE COATING, PER LENS

V2755 U-V LENS, PER LENS

V2756 EYE GLASS CASE

V2760 SCRATCH RESISTANT COATING, PER LENS

V2761 MIRROR COATING, ANY TYPE, SOLID, GRADIENT OR EQUAL, ANY LENS MATERIAL, PER LENS

V2762 POLARIZATION, ANY LENS MATERIAL, PER LENS

V2770 OCCLUDER LENS, PER LENS

V2780 OVERSIZE LENS, PER LENS

V2781 PROGRESSIVE LENS, PER LENS

V2782 LENS, INDEX 1.54 TO 1.65 PLASTIC OR 1.60 TO 1.79 GLASS, EXCLUDES POLYCARBONATE, PER LENS

V2783 LENS, INDEX GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.66 PLASTIC OR GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.80 GLASS, EXCLUDES POLYCARBONATE, PER LENS

V2784 LENS, POLYCARBONATE OR EQUAL, ANY INDEX, PER LENS

V2786 SPECIALTY OCCUPATIONAL MULTIFOCAL LENS, PER LENS

V2797 VISION SUPPLY, ACCESSORY AND/OR SERVICE COMPONENT OF ANOTHER HCPCS VISION CODE

V2799 VISION ITEM OR SERVICE, MISCELLANEOUS

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: For ICD-10 codes relating to statutory coverage, see related Policy Article.

Group 1 Codes: N/A

ICD-10 Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph: Not specified

Group 1 Codes: N/A

ICD-10 Additional Information

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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 physician'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:

- Prescription (orders)
- 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.

Appendices

Utilization Guidelines

Refer to Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Sources of Information and Basis for Decision

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Revision History Information

Revision History Date	Revision History Number	Revision History Explanation	Reason(s) for Change
01/01/2017	R3	Revision Effective Date: 01/01/2017 COVERAGE INDICATIONS, INDICATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND/OR MEDICAL NECESSITY: Removed: Standard Documentation Language Added: New reference language and directions to Standard Documentation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider Education/Guidance

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[Associated Documents](#)

Attachments N/A

Related Local Coverage Documents Article(s) [A52499 - Refractive Lenses - Policy Article A55426 - Standard Documentation Requirements for All Claims Submitted to DME MACs](#)

Related National Coverage Documents N/A

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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.

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Article Guidance

Article Text:**NON-MEDICAL NECESSITY COVERAGE AND PAYMENT RULES**

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Refractive lenses are covered under the Prosthetics and Artificial Limbs benefit category (Social Security Act §1861(s)(8)). 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.

Refractive lenses are covered when they are used to restore the vision normally provided by the natural lens of the eye of an individual lacking the organic lens because of surgical removal or congenital absence. Covered diagnoses are limited to pseudophakia (condition in which the natural lens has been replaced with an artificial intraocular lens [IOL]), aphakia (condition in which the natural lens has been removed but there is no IOL), and congenital aphakia. Lenses provided for other diagnoses will be denied as noncovered.

Refractive lenses are covered even though the surgical removal of the natural lens occurred before Medicare entitlement.

For beneficiaries with pseudophakia, coverage is limited to one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery with insertion of an IOL. Replacement frames, eyeglass lenses and contact lenses are noncovered. If a beneficiary has a cataract extraction with IOL insertion in one eye, subsequently has a cataract extraction with IOL insertion in the other eye, and does not receive eyeglasses or contact lenses between the two surgical procedures, Medicare covers only one pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after the second surgery. If a beneficiary has a pair of eyeglasses, has a cataract extraction with IOL insertion, and receives only new lenses but not new frames after the surgery, the benefit would not cover new frames at a later date (unless it follows subsequent cataract extraction in the other eye).

Refer to the Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for information about coverage of lenses for aphakic beneficiaries (i.e., those who do not have an IOL).

Because coverage of refractive lenses is based upon the Prosthetic Device benefit category, there is no coverage for frames or lens add-on codes unless there is a covered lens(es). Frames provided without a covered lens(es) will be denied as noncovered.

Tinted lenses (V2745), including photochromatic lenses (V2744), used as sunglasses, which are prescribed in addition to regular prosthetic lenses to a pseudophakic beneficiary, will be denied as noncovered.

Scratch resistant coating (V2760), mirror coating (V2761), polarization (V2762), deluxe lens feature (V2702) and progressive lenses (V2781) will be denied as noncovered.

Use of polycarbonate or similar material (V2784) or high index glass or plastic (V2782, V2783) for indications such as light weight or thinness will be denied as a noncovered deluxe feature.

Specialty occupational multifocal lenses (V2786) will be denied as noncovered.

Only standard frames (V2020) are covered. Additional charges for deluxe frames (V2025) will be denied as noncovered.

When hydrophilic soft contact lenses (V2520-V2523) are used as a corneal dressing, they are denied as noncovered because in this situation they do not meet the definition of a prosthetic device.

Eyeglass cases (V2756) will be denied as noncovered.

Contact lens cleaning solution and normal saline for contact lenses will be denied as noncovered.

Low vision aids (V2600-V2615) will be denied as noncovered because coverage under the Medicare prosthetic benefit is limited to persons with congenital absence or surgical removal of the lens of the eye.

Vision supplies, accessories, and/or service components of another HCPCS vision code (V2797) will be denied as not separately payable.

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 discussed below.

The diagnosis code that justifies the need for these items must be included on the claim.

MODIFIERS

KX, GA, GY and GZ MODIFIERS:

For anti-reflective coating (V2750), tints (V2744, V2745) or oversized lenses (V2780), if medical necessity is documented by the treating physician, the KX modifier must be added to the code. For polycarbonate or Trivex™ lenses (V2784), if they are for a beneficiary with monocular vision, the KX modifier must be added to the code. The KX modifier may only be used when these requirements are met. When the KX modifier is billed, documentation to support the medical necessity of the lens feature must be available upon request.

For anti-reflective coating (V2750), polycarbonate or Trivex™ lenses (V2784), tints (V2744, V2745) or oversized lenses (V2780), if the coverage criteria have not been met, the GA or GZ modifier must be added to the code. When there is an expectation of a denial as not reasonable and necessary, suppliers must enter the GA modifier on the claim line if they have obtained a properly executed Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) or the GZ modifier if they have not obtained a valid ABN.

Claims lines for anti-reflective coating (V2750), tints (V2744, V2745), oversized lenses (V2780) or polycarbonate or Trivex™ lenses (V2784) billed without a KX, GA, GY or GZ modifier will be rejected as missing information.

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

CODING GUIDELINES

Deluxe lens features (V2702) include services and features such as lens edge treatments and lens drilling.

Photochromatic lenses (V2744) are those in which the degree of tint changes in response to changes in ambient light. Code V2744 is used for any type of photochromatic lens, either glass or plastic.

Code V2745 is used for any type or color of lens tint, excluding photochromatic lenses.

Code V2755 must be used only if a UV coating is applied to a lens and not as an add-on code for the UV protection inherent in the lens material.

Anti-reflective coating (V2750) is a clear lens treatment used to decrease glare and internal/external reflections.

Mirror coatings (V2761) are colored, highly reflective lens treatments.

Progressive lens (V2781) is a multifocal lens that gradually changes in lens power from the top to the bottom of the lens, eliminating the line(s) that would otherwise be seen in a bifocal or trifocal lens.

Code V2784 is an add-on used for lenses made of impact-resistant material such as polycarbonate or Trivex™. Codes V2782 and V2783 (high index) must not be billed in addition to code V2784.

Codes V2100 – V2114, V2199 – V2214, V2299 – V2314, V2399 - V2499, V2700, and V2770 describe specific eyeglass lenses. Only one of these codes may be billed for each lens provided. These codes include both aspheric and nonaspheric lenses.

Codes V2115, V2118, V2121, V2215, V2218 – V2221, V2315, V2318 – V2321, V2710 - V2760, and V2780 – V2797 describe add-on features of lenses. They are billed in addition to codes for the basic lens.

When billing claims for deluxe frames, use code V2020 for the cost of standard frames and a second line item using code V2025 for the difference between the charges for the deluxe frames and the standard frames.

When billing claims for progressive lens, use the appropriate code for the standard bifocal (V2200 - V2299) or trifocal (V2300 - V2399) lens and a second line item using code V2781 for the difference between the charge for

the progressive lens and the standard lens.

The RT and/or LT modifiers must be used with all HCPCS codes in this policy except codes V2020, V2025 and V2600. When lenses are provided bilaterally and the same code is used for both lenses, bill both on the same claim line using the RLT modifier and 2 units of service. Claims billed without modifiers RT and/or LT will be rejected as incorrect coding.

Suppliers should contact the Pricing, Data Analysis and Coding (PDAC) Contractor for guidance on the correct coding of these items. [Back to Top](#)

Coding Information

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 article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article 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 article, 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 article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes N/A

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Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes that are covered Information Table

Code	Description
H27.00	Aphakia, unspecified eye
H27.01	Aphakia, right eye
H27.02	Aphakia, left eye
H27.03	Aphakia, bilateral
Q12.3	Congenital aphakia
Z96.1	Presence of intraocular lens

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A

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