

Hydrophilic Contact Lens for Corneal Bandage (NCD 80.1)

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<p>Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrophilic Contact Lenses (NCD 80.4)
<p>Related Medicare Advantage Coverage Summaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetics, Corrective Appliances/Orthotics (Non-Foot Orthotics) and Medical Supplies Grid Vision Services, Therapy and Rehabilitation

Policy Summary

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Overview

Some hydrophilic contact lenses are used as moist corneal bandages for the treatment of acute or chronic corneal pathology, such as bullous keratopathy, dry eyes, corneal ulcers and erosion, keratitis, corneal edema, descemetocele, corneal ectasis, Mooren's ulcer, anterior corneal dystrophy, neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, and for other therapeutic reasons.

Guidelines

Payment may be made under §1861(s) (2) of the Social Security Act for a hydrophilic contact lens approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and used as a supply incident to a physician's service. Payment for the lens is included in the payment for the physician's service to which the lens is incident. An FDA letter of approval or other FDA published material is acceptable as evidence of FDA approval. (See §80.4 of the NCD Manual for coverage of a hydrophilic contact lens as a prosthetic device.)

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this guideline does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CPT Code	Description
92071	Fitting of contact lens for treatment of ocular surface disease
92072	Fitting of contact lens for management of keratoconus, initial fitting
92310	Prescription of optical and physical characteristics of and fitting of contact lens, with medical supervision of adaptation; corneal lens, both eyes, except for aphakia (Non- Covered)

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Modifier	Description
LT	Left side
RT	Right side

Questions and Answers

1	Q:	Is payment for hydrophilic contact lens for corneal bandage received separately?
	A:	No, payment for this is included in the above CPT codes for physician's services.

References

CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)

[NCD 80.1 Hydrophilic Contact Lens for Corneal Bandage](#)

CMS Benefit Policy Manual

[Chapter 15; § 30.4 Optometrist's Services, § 60.1 - § 60.4 Incident To Physician's Professional Services, § 120 Prosthetic Devices](#)

[Chapter 16; § 90 Routine Services and Appliances](#)

CMS Claims Processing Manual

[Chapter 4; § 20.6.3 Modifiers LT and RT](#)

[Chapter 7; § 60 Billing for Durable Medical Equipment \(DME\), Orthotic/Prosthetic Devices, and Supplies \(including Surgical Dressings\)](#)

[Chapter 14; § 10.2 Ambulatory Surgical Center Services on ASC List](#)

[Chapter 20; § 10.1.2 Prosthetic Devices - Coverage Definition, § 10.1.3 Prosthetics and Orthotics \(Leg, Arm, Back, and Neck Braces, Trusses, and Artificial Legs, Arms, and Eyes\) - Coverage Definition](#)

Other(s)

[Hydrophilic Contact Lenses: Require Invoice, Jurisdiction 11 Part B, Palmetto Website](#)

[Medicare Vision Services Face Sheet, Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\), CMS Website](#)

Guideline History/Revision Information

Revisions to this summary document do not in any way modify the requirement that services be provided and documented in accordance with the Medicare guidelines in effect on the date of service in question.

Date	Summary of Changes
04/01/2021	Template Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reformatted policy; transferred content to new template
04/08/2020	Related Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added reference link to the Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline titled <i>Hydrophilic Contact Lenses (NCD 80.4)</i> Supporting Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated <i>References</i> section to reflect the most current information Archived previous policy version MPG146.05

Purpose

The Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline documents are generally used to support UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage claims processing activities and facilitate providers' submission of accurate claims for the specified services. The document can be used as a guide to help determine applicable:

- Medicare coding or billing requirements, and/or
- Medical necessity coverage guidelines; including documentation requirements.

UnitedHealthcare follows Medicare guidelines such as NCDs, LCDs, LCAs, and other Medicare manuals for the purposes of determining coverage. It is expected providers retain or have access to appropriate documentation when requested to support coverage. Please utilize the links in the [References](#) section below to view the Medicare source materials used to develop this resource document. This document is not a replacement for the Medicare source materials that outline Medicare coverage requirements. Where there is a conflict between this document and Medicare source materials, the Medicare source materials will apply.

Terms and Conditions

The Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines are applicable to UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plans offered by UnitedHealthcare and its affiliates.

These Policy Guidelines are provided for informational purposes, and do not constitute medical advice. Treating physicians and healthcare providers are solely responsible for determining what care to provide to their patients. Members should always consult their physician before making any decisions about medical care.

Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document* and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The member specific benefit plan document identifies which services are covered, which are excluded, and which are subject to limitations. In the event of a conflict, the member specific benefit plan document supersedes the Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines.

Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines are developed as needed, are regularly reviewed and updated, and are subject to change. They represent a portion of the resources used to support UnitedHealthcare coverage decision making. UnitedHealthcare may modify these Policy Guidelines at any time by publishing a new version of the policy on this website. Medicare source materials used to develop these guidelines include, but are not limited to, CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Medicare Program Integrity Manual, Medicare Managed Care Manual, etc. The information presented in the Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines is believed to be accurate and current as of the date of publication and is provided on an "AS IS" basis. Where there is a conflict between this document and Medicare source materials, the Medicare source materials will apply.

You are responsible for submission of accurate claims. Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines are intended to ensure that coverage decisions are made accurately based on the code or codes that correctly describe the health care services provided. UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), or other coding guidelines. References to CPT® or other sources are for definitional purposes only and do not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claims payment.

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