HYDROPHILIC CONTACT LENS FOR CORNEAL BANDAGE
(NCD 80.1)

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POLICY SUMMARY

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. Contractors are authorized to accept an FDA letter of approval or other FDA published material 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 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.

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<td>92071</td>
<td>Fitting of contact lens for treatment of ocular surface disease</td>
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<td>92072</td>
<td>Fitting of contact lens for management of keratoconus, initial fitting</td>
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<td>92310</td>
<td>Prescription of optical and physical characteristics of and fitting of contact lens, with medical supervision of adaptation; corneal lens, both eyes, except for aphakia (Not covered by Medicare)</td>
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Q: Is billing for hydrophilic contact lens for corneal bandage received separately?
   A: No, payment for this is included in the above CPT codes physician's services.
Modifier | Description
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LT | Left side
RT | Right side

**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 LCDs, NCDs, 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.

**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, § 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, Brusses, and Artificial Legs, Arms, and Eyes) - Coverage Definition

**Others**

CMS DMEPOS Fee Schedules

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.

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<td>• Updated HCPCS codes; removed codes S0515, V2520, V2521, V2522, V2523</td>
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