

Intraocular Lenses (IOLs) (NCD 80.12)

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Related Medicare Advantage Policy Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phaco-Emulsification Procedure – Cataract Extraction (NCD 80.10) Use of Visual Field Tests Prior to and General Anesthesia during Cataract Surgery (NCD 10.1)
Related Medicare Advantage Coverage Summary
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision Services, Therapy and Rehabilitation

Policy Summary

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Overview

An intraocular lens, or pseudophakos, is an artificial lens which may be implanted to replace the natural lens after cataract surgery.

Guidelines

Intraocular lens implantation services, as well as the lens itself, may be covered if reasonable and necessary for the individual. Implantation services may include hospital, surgical, and other medical services, including pre-implantation ultrasound (A-scan) eye measurement of one or both eyes.

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.

HCPCS Code	Description
C1780	Lens, intraocular (new technology)
V2630	Anterior chamber intraocular lens
V2631	Iris supported intraocular lens
V2632	Posterior chamber intraocular lens
V2787	Astigmatism correcting function of intraocular lens (Non-Covered)
V2788	Presbyopia correcting function of intraocular lens (Non-Covered)

References

CMS National Coverage Determinations (NCDs)

[NCD 80.12 Intraocular Lenses \(IOLs\)](#)

Reference NCDs: [NCD 10.1 Use of Visual Tests Prior to and General Anesthesia during Cataract Surgery](#), [NCD 80.10 Phaco-Emulsification Procedure-Cataract Extraction](#)

CMS Benefit Policy Manual

[Chapter 6; § 10.2 Other Circumstances in Which Payment Cannot be Made Under Part A](#)

[Chapter 15; § 30.4 Optometrist's Services, § 120 Prosthetic Devices, § 260.2 Ambulatory Surgical Center Services](#)

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

CMS Claims Processing Manual

[Chapter 4; § 240.3 Implantable Prosthetic Devices](#)

[Chapter 14; § 10.2 Ambulatory Surgical Center Services, § 40.3 Payment for Intraocular Lens \(IOL\), § 40.9 Payment and Coding for Presbyopia Correcting IOLs \(P-C IOLs\) and Astigmatism Correcting IOLs \(A-C IOLs\)](#)

[Chapter 20; § 10.1.2 Prosthetic Devices – Coverage Definition, § 30.4 Other Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices](#)

[Chapter 32; § 120 Presbyopia-Correcting \(P-C IOLS\) and Astigmatism-Correcting Intraocular Lenses \(A-C IOLs\) \(General Policy Information\)](#)

MLN Matters

[Article MM3927, Implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Ruling 05-01 Regarding Presbyopia-Correcting Intraocular Lenses \(IOLs\) for Medicare Beneficiaries](#)

[Article MM5853, Use of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) V2787 When Billing Approved Astigmatism-Correcting Intraocular Lens \(A-C IOLs\) in Ambulatory Surgery Centers \(ASCs\), Physician Offices, and Hospital Outpatient Departments \(HOPDs\)](#)

Other(s)

[CMS New Technology Intraocular Lenses \(NTIOLs\), CMS Website](#)

[CMS Recognized Presbyopia-Correcting \(P-C\) IOLs and Astigmatism-Correcting \(A-C\) IOLs, CMS Website](#)

[MLN Medicare Vision Services Fact Sheet, 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
05/13/2020	Related Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Added reference link to the Medicare Advantage Policy Guideline titled:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Phaco-Emulsification Procedure – Cataract Extraction (NCD 80.10)</i><i>Use of Visual Field Tests Prior to and General Anesthesia during Cataract Surgery (NCD 10.1)</i> Supporting Information <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated <i>References</i> section to reflect the most current informationArchived previous policy version MPG170.05

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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