Article - Billing and Coding: Cataract Extraction (including Complex Cataract Surgery) (A58592)

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Article Guidance

Article Text

This Billing and Coding Article provides billing and coding guidance for Proposed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L38924, Cataract Extraction (including Complex Cataract Surgery). Please refer to the LCD for reasonable and necessary requirements.

Coding Guidance

Notice: It is not appropriate to bill Medicare for services that are not covered (as described by the entire LCD) as if they are covered. When billing for non-covered services, use the appropriate modifier.

The primary diagnosis submitted by the physician performing the preoperative ophthalmologic evaluation must be cataract (ICD-10-CM codes listed in the "ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity" section of this article).

The diagnoses submitted by the physician performing the evaluation and management component of the preoperative workup, when it is medically necessary, should indicate cataract (ICD-10-CM codes listed in the "ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity" section of this article) as the primary or secondary diagnosis.

Complex cataract extraction should require devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery.

Documentation Requirements

- 1. All documentation must be maintained in the patient's medical record and made available to the contractor upon request.
- 2. Every page of the record must be legible and include appropriate patient identification information (e.g., complete name, dates of service[s]). The documentation must include the legible signature of the physician or non-physician practitioner responsible for and providing the care to the patient.
- 3. The submitted medical record must support the use of the selected ICD-10-CM code(s). The submitted CPT/HCPCS code must describe the service performed.
- 4. When complex cataract procedures are reported the medical record must support that devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery were used, for example:
 - Insertion of iris retractors through additional incisions
 - Mechanical expansion of the pupil using iris hooks
 - Creation of a sector iridectomy with subsequent suture repair of iris sphincter
 - Use of intraoperative iris expansion device to maintain pupil dilation (i.e., Malyugin ring), iris sphincterotomies created with scissors
 - The need to support the lens implant with permanent intraocular sutures
 - Placement of a capsular support ring is necessary to allow secure placement of an intraocular lens

Coding Information

CPT/HCPCS Codes

Group 1 Paragraph:

Note: Providers are reminded to refer to the long descriptors of the CPT codes in their CPT book.

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
66840	Removal of lens material
66850	Removal of lens material
66852	Removal of lens material
66920	Extraction of lens
66940	Extraction of lens
66983	Cataract surg w/iol 1 stage
66984	Xcapsl ctrc rmvl w/o ecp
66988	Xcapsl ctrc rmvl w/ecp

Group 2 Paragraph:

Note: Providers are reminded to refer to the long descriptors of the CPT codes in their CPT book.

Group 2 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
66982	Xcapsl ctrc rmvl cplx wo ecp
66987	Xcapsl ctrc rmvl cplx w/ecp

CPT/HCPCS Modifiers

N/A

ICD-10-CM Codes that Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph:

It is the provider's responsibility to select codes carried out to the highest level of specificity and selected from the

ICD-10-CM code book appropriate to the year in which the service is rendered for the claim(s) submitted.

The following ICD-10-CM codes support medical necessity and provide coverage for CPT codes: **66840**, **66850**, **66852**, **66920**, **66940**, **66983**, **66984** and **66988**:

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
E08.36	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic cataract
E09.36	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E10.36	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E11.36	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E13.36	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
H20.21	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.22	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.23	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, bilateral
H25.011	Cortical age-related cataract, right eye
H25.012	Cortical age-related cataract, left eye
H25.013	Cortical age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.031	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, right eye
H25.032	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, left eye
H25.033	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.041	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, right eye
H25.042	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, left eye
H25.043	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.091	Other age-related incipient cataract, right eye
H25.092	Other age-related incipient cataract, left eye
H25.093	Other age-related incipient cataract, bilateral
H25.11	Age-related nuclear cataract, right eye
H25.12	Age-related nuclear cataract, left eye
H25.13	Age-related nuclear cataract, bilateral
H25.21	Age-related cataract, morgagnian type, right eye
H25.22	Age-related cataract, morgagnian type, left eye
H25.23	Age-related cataract, morgagnian type, bilateral
H25.811	Combined forms of age-related cataract, right eye

CODE	DESCRIPTION
H25.812	Combined forms of age-related cataract, left eye
H25.813	Combined forms of age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.89	Other age-related cataract
H26.001	Unspecified infantile and juvenile cataract, right eye
H26.002	Unspecified infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.003	Unspecified infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.011	Infantile and juvenile cortical, lamellar, or zonular cataract, right eye
H26.012	Infantile and juvenile cortical, lamellar, or zonular cataract, left eye
H26.013	Infantile and juvenile cortical, lamellar, or zonular cataract, bilateral
H26.031	Infantile and juvenile nuclear cataract, right eye
H26.032	Infantile and juvenile nuclear cataract, left eye
H26.033	Infantile and juvenile nuclear cataract, bilateral
H26.041	Anterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, right eye
H26.042	Anterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.043	Anterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.051	Posterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, right eye
H26.052	Posterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.053	Posterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.061	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, right eye
H26.062	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.063	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.09	Other infantile and juvenile cataract
H26.101	Unspecified traumatic cataract, right eye
H26.102	Unspecified traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.103	Unspecified traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.111	Localized traumatic opacities, right eye
H26.112	Localized traumatic opacities, left eye
H26.113	Localized traumatic opacities, bilateral
H26.121	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, right eye
H26.122	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.123	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.131	Total traumatic cataract, right eye

CODE	DESCRIPTION
H26.132	Total traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.133	Total traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.211	Cataract with neovascularization, right eye
H26.212	Cataract with neovascularization, left eye
H26.213	Cataract with neovascularization, bilateral
H26.221	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), right eye
H26.222	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), left eye
H26.223	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), bilateral
H26.231	Glaucomatous flecks (subcapsular), right eye
H26.232	Glaucomatous flecks (subcapsular), left eye
H26.233	Glaucomatous flecks (subcapsular), bilateral
H26.31	Drug-induced cataract, right eye
H26.32	Drug-induced cataract, left eye
H26.33	Drug-induced cataract, bilateral
H26.411	Soemmering's ring, right eye
H26.412	Soemmering's ring, left eye
H26.413	Soemmering's ring, bilateral
H26.491	Other secondary cataract, right eye
H26.492	Other secondary cataract, left eye
H26.493	Other secondary cataract, bilateral
H26.8	Other specified cataract
H27.111	Subluxation of lens, right eye
H27.112	Subluxation of lens, left eye
H27.113	Subluxation of lens, bilateral
H27.121	Anterior dislocation of lens, right eye
H27.122	Anterior dislocation of lens, left eye
H27.123	Anterior dislocation of lens, bilateral
H27.131	Posterior dislocation of lens, right eye
H27.132	Posterior dislocation of lens, left eye
H27.133	Posterior dislocation of lens, bilateral
H28*	Cataract in diseases classified elsewhere
H40.51X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, mild stage

CODE	DESCRIPTION
H40.51X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, moderate stage
H40.51X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, severe stage
H40.51X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, indeterminate stage
H40.52X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, mild stage
H40.52X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, moderate stage
H40.52X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, severe stage
H40.52X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, indeterminate stage
H40.53X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, mild stage
H40.53X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.53X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, severe stage
CODE	DESCRIPTION
H40.53X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, indeterminate stage
H40.89*	Other specified glaucoma
H59.021	Cataract (lens) fragments in eye following cataract surgery, right eye
H59.022	Cataract (lens) fragments in eye following cataract surgery, left eye
H59.023	Cataract (lens) fragments in eye following cataract surgery, bilateral

Group 1 Medical Necessity ICD-10-CM Codes Asterisk Explanation:

*Note: When reporting ICD-10 code H40.89, one of the following codes must also be reported: H25.21, H25.22 or H25.23.

***Note**: When reporting ICD-10 code H28, the underlying disease (e.g., hypoparathyroidism, myotonia, myxedema, protein-calorie malnutrition) should be reported as the primary diagnosis.

Group 2 Paragraph:

It is the provider's responsibility to select codes carried out to the highest level of specificity and selected from the ICD-10-CM code book appropriate to the year in which the service is rendered for the claim(s) submitted.

The following ICD-10-CM codes support medical necessity and provide coverage for CPT codes: **66982** and **66987**.

Group 2 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
E08.36	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic cataract
E09.36	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract

CODE	DESCRIPTION
E10.36	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E11.36	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
E13.36	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic cataract
H20.21	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, right eye
H20.22	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, left eye
H20.23	Lens-induced iridocyclitis, bilateral
H21.221	Degeneration of ciliary body, right eye
H21.222	Degeneration of ciliary body, left eye
H21.223	Degeneration of ciliary body, bilateral
H21.261	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), right eye
H21.262	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), left eye
H21.263	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), bilateral
H21.271	Miotic pupillary cyst, right eye
H21.272	Miotic pupillary cyst, left eye
H21.273	Miotic pupillary cyst, bilateral
H21.29	Other iris atrophy
H21.531	Iridodialysis, right eye
H21.532	Iridodialysis, left eye
H21.533	Iridodialysis, bilateral
H21.561	Pupillary abnormality, right eye
H21.562	Pupillary abnormality, left eye
H21.563	Pupillary abnormality, bilateral
H21.81	Floppy iris syndrome
H21.89	Other specified disorders of iris and ciliary body
H22	Disorders of iris and ciliary body in diseases classified elsewhere
H25.011	Cortical age-related cataract, right eye
H25.012	Cortical age-related cataract, left eye
H25.013	Cortical age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.031	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, right eye
H25.032	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, left eye
H25.033	Anterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.041	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, right eye

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H25.042	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, left eye
H25.043	Posterior subcapsular polar age-related cataract, bilateral
H25.11	Age-related nuclear cataract, right eye
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H25.811	Combined forms of age-related cataract, right eye
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H26.052	Posterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.053	Posterior subcapsular polar infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.061	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, right eye
H26.062	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, left eye
H26.063	Combined forms of infantile and juvenile cataract, bilateral
H26.09	Other infantile and juvenile cataract
H26.101	Unspecified traumatic cataract, right eye

CODE	DESCRIPTION
H26.102	Unspecified traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.103	Unspecified traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.121	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, right eye
H26.122	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.123	Partially resolved traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.131	Total traumatic cataract, right eye
H26.132	Total traumatic cataract, left eye
H26.133	Total traumatic cataract, bilateral
H26.20	Unspecified complicated cataract
H26.211	Cataract with neovascularization, right eye
H26.212	Cataract with neovascularization, left eye
H26.213	Cataract with neovascularization, bilateral
H26.221	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), right eye
H26.222	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), left eye
H26.223	Cataract secondary to ocular disorders (degenerative) (inflammatory), bilateral
H26.31	Drug-induced cataract, right eye
H26.32	Drug-induced cataract, left eye
H26.33	Drug-induced cataract, bilateral
H26.8	Other specified cataract
H27.111	Subluxation of lens, right eye
H27.112	Subluxation of lens, left eye
H27.113	Subluxation of lens, bilateral
H27.121	Anterior dislocation of lens, right eye
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H27.123	Anterior dislocation of lens, bilateral
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H40.51X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, moderate stage
H40.51X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, severe stage

CODE	DESCRIPTION
H40.51X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, indeterminate stage
H40.52X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, mild stage
H40.52X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, moderate stage
CODE	DESCRIPTION
H40.52X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, severe stage
H40.52X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, indeterminate stage
H40.53X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, mild stage
H40.53X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.53X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, severe stage
H40.53X4	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, indeterminate stage
H40.89*	Other specified glaucoma
H57.09	Other anomalies of pupillary function
Q12.1	Congenital displaced lens
Q12.2	Coloboma of lens
Q12.4	Spherophakia
Q12.8	Other congenital lens malformations
Q13.0	Coloboma of iris
Q13.1	Absence of iris
Q13.2	Other congenital malformations of iris

Group 2 Medical Necessity ICD-10-CM Codes Asterisk Explanation:

*Note: When reporting ICD-10 code H40.89, one of the following codes must also be reported: H25.21, H25.22 or H25.23.

*Note: When reporting ICD-10 code H28, the underlying disease (e.g., hypoparathyroidism, myotonia, myxedema, protein-calorie malnutrition) should be reported as the primary diagnosis.

ICD-10-CM Codes that DO NOT Support Medical Necessity

Group 1 Paragraph:

All those not listed under the "ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity" section of this article.

Group 1 Codes:

CODE	DESCRIPTION
XX000	Not Applicable

ICD-10-PCS Codes

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 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.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	
999x	Not Applicable	

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.

CODE	DESCRIPTION	
99999	Not Applicable	

Other Coding Information

N/A

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