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## Coverage Guidance

## Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

Many forms of scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (SCODI)tests currently exist (e.g., confocal laser scanning ophthalmoscopy (topography), scanning laser polarimetry, optical coherence tomography (OCT), and retinal thickness analysis). Although these techniques are different, their objective is the same.

Confocal scanning laser ophthalmoscopy (topography) uses multiple tomographic images to make quantitative topographic measurements of either the optic nerve head or posterior retinal structures to detect glaucomatous damage to the nerve fiber layer of the retina or non-glaucomatous retinal changes in the microstructure of the posterior retina (e.g. macular edema, atrophy associated with degenerative retinal diseases).

Scanning laser polarimetry measures change in the linear polarization of light (retardation). It uses a polarimeter, an optical device to measure linear polarization change and a scanning laser ophthalmoscope together to measure the thickness of the nerve fiber layer of the retina.

Optical coherence tomography is a non-invasive, non-contact imaging technique. It produces high-resolution, longitudinal, cross-sectional tomographs of ocular structures to detect evidence of glaucomatous damage or subsurface retinal defects.

Retinal thickness analysis is a computerized slitlamp biomicroscope that is intended to provide manual and computerized tomography of the retina in vivo to determine the thickness and the inner structure of the retina. It is indicated for assessing the area and location of retinal thickness abnormalities, such as thickening due to macular edema and atrophy associated with degenerative diseases, and for visualizing other retinal pathologies.

## Indications of Coverage for Posterior Segment SCODI

Posterior segment SCODI allows for early detection of glaucomatous damage to the nerve fiber layer or optic nerve of the eye. It is the goal of these diagnostic imaging tests to discriminate among patients with normal intraocular pressures (IOP) who have glaucoma, patients with elevated IOP who have glaucoma, and patients with elevated IOP who do not have glaucoma. These tests can also provide precise methods of observation of the optic nerve head and can more accurately reveal subtle glaucomatous changes over the course of follow-up exams than visual field and/or disc photos. This can allow earlier and more efficient efforts of treatment toward the disease process.

Retinal disorders are the most common causes of severe and permanent vision loss. SCODI is also used for the evaluation and treatment of patients with retinal disease, especially certain macular abnormalities. It details the microscopic anatomy of the retina and the vitreo-retinal interface.

Posterior segment SCODI will be considered medically reasonable and necessary under the following circumstances:

1. The patient presents with "mild" glaucomatous damage or "suspect glaucoma" as demonstrated by any of the following:

- Intraocular pressure ${ }^{3} 22 \mathrm{mmHg}$ as measured by applanation;
- Symmetric or vertically elongated cup enlargement, neural rim intact, cup/disc ratio $>0.4$;
- Diffuse or focal narrowing or notching of disc rim, especially at inferior or superior poles;
- Diffuse or localized abnormalities of the retinal nerve fiber layer, especially at the inferior or superior poles;
- Nerve fiber layer disc hemorrhage;
- Asymmetrical appearance of the optic disc or rim between fellow eyes that suggests loss of neural tissue;
- Nasal step peripheral to 20 degrees or small paracentral or arcuate scotoma; or
- Mild constriction of visual field isopters.

Because of the slow disease progression of patients with "suspect glaucoma" or those with "mild" glaucomatous damage, the use of scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging at a frequency of $>1 /$ year is not expected.
2. The patient presents with "moderate" glaucomatous damage as demonstrated by any of the following:

- Enlarged optic cup with neural rim remaining but sloped or pale, cup to disc ratio > 0.5 but $<0.8$;
- Definite focal notch with thinning of the neural rim; or
- Definite glaucomatous visual field defect (e.g., arcuate defect, nasal step, paracentral scotoma, or general depression).

Patients with "moderate damage" may be followed with scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging and/or visual fields. One or two tests of either per year may be appropriate. If both scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging and visual field tests are used, only one of each test would be considered medically necessary, as these tests provide duplicative information.

Scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging is not considered medically reasonable and necessary for patients with "advanced" glaucomatous damage. Instead, visual field testing should be performed. (Late in the course of glaucoma, when the nerve fiber layer has been extensively damaged, visual fields are more likely to detect small changes than scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging).

The patient with "advanced" glaucomatous damage would demonstrate any of the following:

- Diffuse enlargement of optic nerve cup, with cup to disc ratio $>0.8$;
- Wipe-out of all or a portion of the neural retinal rim;
- Severe generalized constriction of isopters (i.e., Goldmann I4e,$<10$ degrees of fixation);
- Absolute visual field defects to within 10 degrees of fixation;
- Severe generalized reduction of retinal sensitivity; or
- Loss of central visual acuity, with temporal island remaining.

In addition, scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging is not considered medically reasonable and necessary when performed to provide additional confirmatory information regarding a diagnosis which has already been determined.
3. Monitoring patients for the development of chloroquine (CQ) and/or hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) retinopathy. Patients being treated with CQ and/or HCQ should receive a baseline examination within the first year of treatment and as an annual follow-up after five years of treatment. For higher-risk patients, annual testing may begin immediately (without a 5-year delay).
4. The evaluation and treatment of patients with retinal disease (e.g., macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy) and in the evaluation and treatment of certain macular abnormalities (e.g. macular edema, atrophy associated with degenerative retinal diseases).

## Limitations of Coverage for Posterior Segment SCODI

Performing Fundus Photography and SCODI on the Same Day on the Same Eye
Fundus photography (CPT code 92250) and scanning ophthalmic computerized diagnostic imaging (CPT code 92133 or 92134) are generally mutually exclusive of one another in that a provider would use one technique or the other to evaluate fundal disease. However, there are a limited number of clinical conditions where both techniques are medically reasonable and necessary on the ipsilateral eye. In these situations, both CPT codes may be reported appending modifier 59-distinct procedural service or HCPCS modifier XU-unusual-nonoverlapping service to CPT code 92250 (National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual, Chapter 11, Section G, Ophthalmology).

The physician is not precluded from performing fundus photography and posterior segment SCODI on the same eye on the same day under appropriate circumstances (i.e., when each service is necessary to evaluate and treat the patient.

Fundus photography and posterior segment SCODIwill be considered medically reasonable and necessary when performed on the same eye on the same day as outlined below.

## Fundus photography and Posterior Segment SCODI are frequently used together for the following diagnoses:

B39.4
C69.30-C69.32
D18.09
D31.30-D31.32
E08.311-E08.359
E09.311-E09.359
E10.311-E10.359
E11.311-E11.359
E13.311-E13.359
H30.001-H30.93
H31.001-H31.129
H31.22
H31.321-H31.329
H31.401-H31.429
H32
H33.001-H33.059
H33.101-H33.119
H33.191-H33.199
H33.20-H33.23
H33.301-H33.339
H33.40-H33.42
H33.8
H34.10-H34.13
H34.231-H34.239
H34.811-H34.839
H35.00-H35.09
H35.20-H35.23
H35.30-H35.389
H35.50-H35.54
H35.60 -H35.63
H35.70-H35.739
H35.81
H35.89
H36
H44.20-H44.23
H44.40-H44.449
H59.031-H59.039
Q14.8

## Indications of Coverage for Anterior Segment SCODI

Anterior segment SCODI will be considered medically reasonable and necessary for evaluation of specified forms of glaucoma and disorders of the cornea, iris and ciliary body.

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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.

013x Hospital Outpatient
085x Critical Access Hospital

## 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.

0510 Clinic - General Classification
0920 Other Diagnostic Services - General Classification
CPT/HCPCS Codes
Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

## Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes that Support Medical Necessity
Group 1 Paragraph: ICD-10-CM codes applicable for CPT codes 92133 and 92134 (Do not report 92133 and 92134 at the same patient encounter)

Group 1 Codes:
ICD-10 Codes

## Description

A18.53 Tuberculous chorioretinitis
B39.4 Histoplasmosis capsulati, unspecified
C69.30 - Malignant neoplasm of unspecified choroid - Malignant neoplasm of left choroid
$\overline{\mathrm{C} 69.32}$
C71.0 Malignant neoplasm of cerebrum, except lobes and ventricles
C71.1 Malignant neoplasm of frontal lobe
C71.2 Malignant neoplasm of temporal lobe
C71.3 Malignant neoplasm of parietal lobe
D18.09 Hemangioma of other sites
$\frac{\text { D31.30 - }}{\text { D31.32 }} \quad$ Benign neoplasm of unspecified choroid - Benign neoplasm of left choroid
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Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema - Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema - Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema
Type 1 diabetes mellitus with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema - Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema Type 2 diabetes mellitus with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema - Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema Other specified diabetes mellitus with unspecified diabetic retinopathy with macular edema Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema Unspecified acute inflammation of orbit - Unspecified disorder of orbit

Equatorial staphyloma, right eye - Unspecified disorder of sclera
Degeneration of iris (pigmentary), right eye - Degeneration of iris (pigmentary), unspecified eye Unspecified focal chorioretinal inflammation, right eye - Focal chorioretinal inflammation, macular or paramacular, unspecified eye
Unspecified disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, right eye - Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy, unspecified eye
Posterior cyclitis, unspecified eye - Unspecified chorioretinal inflammation, bilateral
Unspecified chorioretinal scars, right eye - Other chorioretinal scars, unspecified eye
Choroidal degeneration, unspecified, right eye - Diffuse secondary atrophy of choroid, unspecified eye
Choroidal dystrophy (central areolar) (generalized) (peripapillary)
Choroidal rupture, right eye - Choroidal rupture, unspecified eye
Unspecified choroidal detachment, right eye - Serous choroidal detachment, unspecified eye
Chorioretinal disorders in diseases classified elsewhere
Unspecified retinal detachment with retinal break, right eye - Total retinal detachment, unspecified eye
Unspecified retinoschisis, right eye - Cyst of ora serrata, unspecified eye
Other retinoschisis and retinal cysts, right eye - Other retinoschisis and retinal cysts, unspecified eye
Serous retinal detachment, unspecified eye - Serous retinal detachment, bilateral
Unspecified retinal break, right eye - Multiple defects of retina without detachment, unspecified eye
Traction detachment of retina, unspecified eye - Traction detachment of retina, bilateral

## Other retinal detachments

Central retinal artery occlusion, unspecified eye - Central retinal artery occlusion, bilateral
Retinal artery branch occlusion, right eye - Retinal artery branch occlusion, unspecified eye
Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye - Central retinal vein occlusion, unspecified eye
Venous engorgement, right eye - Venous engorgement, unspecified eye
Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye - Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, unspecified eye
Unspecified background retinopathy - Other intraretinal microvascular abnormalities
Other non-diabetic proliferative retinopathy, unspecified eye - Other non-diabetic proliferative retinopathy, bilateral
Unspecified macular degeneration - Toxic maculopathy, unspecified eye

## epithelium

Retinal hemorrhage, unspecified eye - Retinal hemorrhage, bilateral
Unspecified separation of retinal layers - Hemorrhagic detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, unspecified eye
Retinal edema
Other specified retinal disorders
Retinal disorders in diseases classified elsewhere
Preglaucoma, unspecified, right eye - Glaucoma secondary to drugs, bilateral, indeterminate stage
Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, right eye - Unspecified glaucoma Glaucoma in diseases classified elsewhere

Vitreous prolapse, unspecified eye - Unspecified disorder of vitreous body
Sympathetic uveitis, right eye - Sympathetic uveitis, unspecified eye
Degenerative myopia, unspecified eye - Degenerative myopia, bilateral
Unspecified hypotony of eye - Primary hypotony of unspecified eye
Optic papillitis, unspecified eye - Optic papillitis, bilateral
Other optic neuritis
Unspecified optic neuritis
Ischemic optic neuropathy, right eye - Other disorders of optic nerve, not elsewhere classified, unspecified eye
Unspecified papilledema - Other disorders of optic disc, unspecified eye
Unspecified visual field defects - Other localized visual field defect, unspecified eye
Generalized contraction of visual field, right eye - Generalized contraction of visual field, unspecified eye
Cystoid macular edema following cataract surgery, right eye - Cystoid macular edema following cataract surgery, unspecified eye
Congenital malformation of optic disc
Other congenital malformations of posterior segment of eye - Congenital malformation of
posterior segment of eye, unspecified
Congenital glaucoma
Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, unspecified eye, initial encounter - Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, left eye, sequela
Encounter for follow-up examination after completed treatment for conditions other than malignant neoplasm
Other long term (current) drug therapy

Group 1 Medical Necessity ICD-10 Codes Asterisk Explanation: **Additional ICD-10 CM codes Z09 and Z79.899 that apply to CPT code 92134 only.

## Group 2 Paragraph: ICD-10-CM codes applicable for CPT code 92132:

## Group 2 Codes:

## ICD-10

 Codes
## Description

C69.10 -
C69.12
C69.40 -
C69.42
D31.10 -
D31.12

Malignant neoplasm of unspecified cornea - Malignant neoplasm of left cornea
Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ciliary body - Malignant neoplasm of left ciliary body
Benign neoplasm of unspecified cornea - Benign neoplasm of left cornea
Benign neoplasm of unspecified ciliary body - Benign neoplasm of left ciliary body

H16.031 -
H16.039
H16.061 -
H16.079
H17.10 -
H17.13
H18.711 -
H18.739
Corneal ulcer with hypopyon, right eye - Corneal ulcer with hypopyon, unspecified eye

H21.211 -
H21.29
H27.00 -
H27.129
$\frac{\mathrm{H} 27.8-\mathrm{H} 27.9}{\mathrm{H} 40.031}$
H40.031
H40.032
H40.033

H40.1410 -
H40.1494 H40.249
H40.30X0 -
H40.53X4
H40.811 -
H40.89
H42
T85.21XA -
T85.21XS
T85.22XA -
T85.22XS
T85.29XA -
T85.29XS
T85.318A -
785.318S

T85.328A -
T85.328S
T85.398A -
T85.398S
T85.72XA T85.72XS

T85.79XA -
T85.79XS
T86.840 -
T86.841
T86.842

H40.061 - Primary angle closure without glaucoma damage, right eye - Primary angle closure without
H40.069 glaucoma damage, unspecified eye
Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, stage unspecified - Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, unspecified eye, indeterminate stage
H40.20X0 - Unspecified primary angle-closure glaucoma, stage unspecified - Residual stage of angle-closure
Mycotic corneal ulcer, right eye - Perforated corneal ulcer, unspecified eye
Central corneal opacity, unspecified eye - Central corneal opacity, bilateral
Corneal ectasia, right eye - Descemetocele, unspecified eye
Degeneration of chamber angle, right eye - Other iris atrophy
Aphakia, unspecified eye - Anterior dislocation of lens, unspecified eye glaucoma, unspecified eye
Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, unspecified eye, stage unspecified - Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, indeterminate stage
Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, right eye - Other specified glaucoma
Glaucoma in diseases classified elsewhere
Breakdown (mechanical) of intraocular lens, initial encounter - Breakdown (mechanical) of intraocular lens, sequela
Displacement of intraocular lens, initial encounter - Displacement of intraocular lens, sequela
Other mechanical complication of intraocular lens, initial encounter - Other mechanical complication of intraocular lens, sequela
Breakdown (mechanical) of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter -
Breakdown (mechanical) of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, sequela Displacement of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter Displacement of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, sequela
Other mechanical complication of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter - Other mechanical complication of other ocular prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, sequela
Infection and inflammatory reaction due to insulin pump, initial encounter - Infection and inflammatory reaction due to insulin pump, sequela
Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, initial encounter - Infection and inflammatory reaction due to other internal prosthetic devices, implants and grafts, sequela
Corneal transplant rejection - Corneal transplant failure
Corneal transplant infection

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## General Information

## Associated Information

## Documentation Requirements

- Medical record documentation (e.g., office/progress notes) maintained by the performing physician must indicate the medical necessity of the scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging and be available upon request.
- A copy of the test results, computer analysis of the data, and appropriate data storage for future comparison in follow-up exams is required.
- Medical record documentation must clearly indicate rationale which supports the medical necessity for performing the fundus photography and posterior segment SCODI on the same day on the same eye. Documentation should also reflect how the test results were used in the patient's plan of care.
- It would not be considered medically reasonable and necessary to perform fundus photography and posterior segment SCODI on the same day on the same eye to provide additional confirmatory information for a diagnosis or treatment which has already been determined.


## Utilization Guidelines

It is expected that these services would be performed as indicated by current medical literature and/or standards of practice. When services are performed in excess of established parameters, they may be subject to review for medical necessity.

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10/28/2015-Added ICD-10 code range; H43.00- H43.9 Vitreous prolapse, unspecified eye- Unspecified disorder of vitreous body.

5/29/2015-The language and/or ICD-10-CM diagnoses were updated to be consistent with the current ICD-9-CM LCD's 04/22/15- - The language and/or ICD-10-CM diagnoses were updated to be consistent with the current ICD-9-CM LCD's language and coding.

06/05/2014 - The language and/or ICD-10-CM diagnoses were CM coding.

- Other
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Reason(s) for Change

- Revisions Due To ICD-10-CM Code Changes


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