

Chapter 4

Section 21.1

Eye And Ocular Adnexa

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1.0 CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

65091 - 65755, 65772 - 68899, 77600 - 77615

2.0 DESCRIPTION

The eye is the organ of vision and the ocular adnexa are the appendages or adjunct parts; i.e., eyelids, lacrimal apparatus.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Services and supplies required in the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury involving the eye or ocular adnexa are covered.

3.2 Phototherapeutic Keratectomy (PTK) is covered for corneal dystrophies.

3.3 Strabismus. Surgical procedures and eye examinations to correct, treat, or diagnose strabismus are covered.

3.4 Corneal transplants. A corneal transplant (keratoplasty) is a covered surgical procedure. Relaxing keratotomy to relieve astigmatism following a corneal transplant is covered.

3.5 Transpupillary thermotherapy (laser hyperthermia, CPT¹ procedure codes 77600 - 77615), with chemotherapy, is covered for the treatment of retinoblastoma. See also [Chapter 5, Section 5.1](#).

4.0 EXCLUSIONS

4.1 Refractive corneal surgery except as noted in [paragraph 3.4](#) (CPT¹ procedure codes 65760, 65765, 65767, 65770, 65771).

4.2 Eyeglasses, and contact lenses except as noted in [Chapter 7, Section 6.2](#).

4.3 Orthokeratology.

4.4 Orthoptics, also known as visual training, vision therapy, eye exercises, eye therapy, is excluded by [32 CFR 199.4\(g\)\(46\)](#) (CPT¹ procedure code 92065).

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4.5 Epikeratophakia for treatment of aphakia and myopia is unproven.

4.6 Transpupillary thermotherapy (CPT² procedure code 0016T) for treatment of coroidal melanoma is unproven.

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