Subject: Corneal Topography*

Effective Date: January 28, 2003

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Corneal topography is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To provide proper and consistent reimbursement for a medically necessary service.

Procedure:

➢ The presence of a corneal lesion whose correction is covered by the specific Plan must be documented. These include, but are not limited to:

• Keratoconus (371.60 – 317.62)
• Post-traumatic corneal scarring (371.00)
• Complications of corneal transplant (996.51)
• Central corneal ulcer (370.00 – 370.07)
• Postoperative astigmatism after cataract or glaucoma or lens implant surgery (996.51)
• Corneal dystrophy (371.50 – 371.58)
• Bullous keratopathy (371.23)
• Preoperative assessment for phototherapeutic keratectomy

➢ The correct codes for corneal topography are: 92135 and 92025.

➢ Corneal topography is not covered when performed in connection with non-covered corneal surgery such as LASIK or other refractive procedures, nor is it covered as part of the pre-operative assessment of patients with cataracts and normal corneas.
References


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Rabinowitz YS. Keratoconus. *Surv Ophthalmol* 1998;42(4):297-319 (Jan-Feb)

*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.*