Subject: Intraocular Lens (IOL)*

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Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: For individuals undergoing cataract removal surgery, the insertion of IOLs, including insertion of standard monofocal IOLs and insertion of multifocal and other non-standard IOLs, is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Multifocal and other non-standard IOL themselves are NOT reimbursable.

Objective: To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to exclude coverage of specific types of IOL.

Procedure:

A. The requesting provider is to be informed that only standard monofocal IOLs are reimbursable and that multifocal and other non-standard IOLs are not reimbursable. The reason is that non-standard IOLs are considered to be for purposes of convenience beyond the medical necessity of standard IOLs.

B. Non-reimbursable multifocal IOLs include, but are not limited to, the following lenses:

1. Array
2. Crystalens
3. ReSTOR
4. ReZoom

C. Other types of non-standard IOLs that are NOT REIMBURSABLE include but are not limited to the following::
1. Toric IOLs (e.g., Staar Surgical AA-4203TF, AA-4203TL)
2. Blue-blocking IOLs (e.g., AcrySof Natural)
3. Accommodative IOLs (e.g., Eyeonics)
4. Aspheric IOLs (e.g., Tecnis Z 9000)

D. HCPCS codes relating to IOLs are as follows:
   a. Standard IOL:  V2630, V2631, V2632
   b. Non-Standard IOL:  C1780, Q1003, Q1004, Q1005, V2787, V2788

E. Because placement of a non-reimbursable lens is reimbursable, management of complications of the placement itself \textbf{IS REIMBURSABLE}.

References


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