Billing & Coding

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Basic CPT Coding

CPT basics

Documentation guidelines

99xxx E/M Codes

92xxx Eye Codes

Supplemental testing guidelines

Modifiers

Compliance & Audit Risk Reduction

Medicare – Just Give Me The Numbers

- Longevity Revolution
 - First year of Baby Boomers hitting 65 years of age
 - 10,000/day turn 65 years of age
 - An individual turns 60 years of age every 8 seconds
- If you live until age 65, average life expectancy is age 84
- 59, 672,971 Medicare beneficiaries in US
 - 15% of total population
- Cataract surgery is the most common surgical procedure in US in Medicare beneficiaries

 - Lowest complication rate

Medicare – Distribution by Age (2004)

23.2 % **65-69 70-74** 19.9 % **75-79** 80-84 **85**+

E/M GUIDELINES

- New/Established Patient
- Chief Complaint
- History of Present Illness
- Family History
- Past History

New additions level of education, sexual history, marital status/living arrangements
 Review of Systems

- Time

Social History Changes ■ Age appropriate review of past & current activities ■ Marital status Current employment Occupational history Military history Use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco Level of education Sexual history Other relevant social factors **E/M DESCRIPTORS** ■ History * Examination* ■ Medical Decision Making* Counseling Coordination of Care ■ Nature of the Presenting Problem ■ Time **CATEGORIES OF SERVICE** Office Visits (E/M Codes) 99201-99205 New 99211-99215 Estab

Office Visits (Eye Codes)

Consultations (E/M Codes)

New

92002-92004

92012-92014

ELIMINATED for Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare and Medicare Advantage HMOs and when any of these are secondary payors

SELECTING AN E/M LEVEL ■ Identify Category of Service ■ Identify Extent of History Taking ■ Identify Extent of Examination ■ Identify Complexity of Medical Decision Making Review E/M Descriptors **E/M CODING - OFFICE VISITS** New Patient (3 of 3) – 99201 - PFH / PFE / SDM / 10 - 99202 - EFH / DFE / SDM / 20 – 99203 - DH / DE / LDM / 30 99204 - CH / CE / MDM / 45 - 99205 - CD /CE / HDM / 60 **E/M Coding - Office Visits** Established Patient (2 of 3) <u> 99211 - Minimal / 5</u> - 99212 - PFH / PFE / SDM / 10 - 99213 - EFH / EFE / LDM / 15 – 99214 - DH / DE / MDM / 25

– 99215 - CH / CE / HDM / 40

DOCUMENTATION OF HISTORY ■ Problem Focused History (PFH) Expanded Problem Focused History (EPF) - CC / 1-3 HPI / Ocular ROS Detailed History (DH) CC / 4 HPI / Ocular ROS / ROS-2 / 1 OF 3 PFSH Comprehensive History (CH) CC / 4 HPI / Ocular ROS / ROS-10 / 3 OF 3 PFSH (NEW) OR 2 OF 3 PFSH (ESTAB) **Eye Examination Documentation** ■ VA / CVF / Pupils & Iris / Adnexa ■ Bulbar & Palp Conjunctiva ■ EOM SLE: Cornea / Lens /AC ■ IOP / Optic Nerve / Posterior Segment ■ Neurologic: Orientation (Time / Place / Person) ■ Psychiatric: Mood & Affect (Depression / Anxiety / Agitation) DOCUMENTATION OF EXAMINATION ■ Problem Focused Exam (PFE) - Limited Exam / 1 - 5 Elements ■ Expanded Problem Focused Exam (EPF) Limited Exam / 6 Elements Detailed Exam (DE) Extended Exam / 9 Elements Comprehensive Exam (CE)

- Complete Single System Exam

All 14 Elements

Medical Decision Making ■ Straightforward (SF) - # Dx / Rx Options - Min / Data - Min / Risk - Min ■ Low Complexity (LC) # Dx / Rx Options - Lim / Data - Lim / Risk - Low ■ Moderate Complexity (MC) # Dx / Rx Options - Mult / Data - Mod / Risk - Mod ■ High Complexity (HC) Comprehensive Ophthalmological Service 92004 / 92014 ■ Complete system evaluation, ■ Need not be performed at one session ■ Integrated services where med decision making cannot be separated from examination methods ■ Itemization of service components, such as slit lamp examination, keratometry, routine ophthalmoscopy retinoscopy, tonometry, or motor evaluation is not applicable Comprehensive Ophthalmological Service 92004 / 92014 ■ *Includes* history, medical observation, external & ophthalmoscopic examinations, gross visual fields, sensorimotor examination ■ Often includes, as indicated: biomicroscopy, examination with cycloplegia or mydriasis and tonometry ■ *Always* includes initiation of diagnostic and treatment

programs

Comprehensive Ophthalmological Service 92004/92014

Always includes initiation of diagnosis and treatment programs

includes the prescription of medication, and arranging for special ophthalmological diagnostic or treatment services, consultations, laboratory procedures and radiological services

Intermediate Ophthalmological Service 92002 / 92012

- Evaluation of new or existing condition, complicated with a new diagnostic or management problem not necessarily relating to the primary diagnosis
- Integrated services where med decision making cannot be separated from examination methods
- Includes history, medical observation, external & adnexal, & other diagnostic procedures *as indicated; may include* use of mydriasis for ophthalmoscopy

2004 New HCPCS Codes

- "S" codes are useful for some private insurers
- Medicare and other federal payers do not recognize them
- They are useful when CPT does not have a code to accurately describe the service (i.e. LASIK, PTK, PRK, corneal topography) or for invoicing self-pay patients.
- They specifically describe "routine exams" including refractions and permit a different charge

HCPCS "S" Codes

- S0620 Routine ophthalmologic exam including refraction; new patient
- S0621 Routine ophthalmologic exam including refraction; established patient
- S0625 Digital screening retina

Ophthalmological Services - 92xxx

- Prescription of lenses, when required, is included in 92015
 - Not factored into 92xxx code selection
- It includes specification of lens type, power, axis, prism,
- Absorptive factors,
- impact resistance,
- and other factors

2017 Medicare Fee Schedule

99201	\$ 26.99	99211	\$ 19.88
99202	\$ 74.14	99212	\$ 43.10
99203	\$ 107.39	99213	\$ 72.45
99204	\$ 163.42	99214	\$ 106.68
99205	\$ 205.98	99215	\$ 143.83
92002	\$ 80.10	92012	\$ 84.31
92004	\$ 147.27	92014	\$122.23

Refraction 92015

- Non-covered service
- Can be billed to beneficiary
 - failure to do so results in lost revenues
- Reminders
 - Charge only for "Rx-able" refractions
- Do not forget to charge for the final refraction when changing spectacles in a post-operative cataract patient

Gonioscopy 92020

- Bilateral
- Requires documentation
 - describe visible angle structures
- No limitations to diagnostic groups in most states
- Fee \$ 26.70

Visual Field 9208x

- Bilateral
- Requires Interpretation
 - separate report form
 - narrative in body of medical record, on date of service
- Fee (-81)/\$33.49
- Fee (-82) / \$ 47.73
- Fee (-83) / \$ 63.34

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Extended Ophthalmoscopy 92225 / 92226

- Unilateral
- Initial (-225) vs. Subsequent (-226)
- Implies detailed, extra ophthalmoscopy
 - document fundus lenses used
- Modifiers RT /LT
- Requires retinal drawings & interpretation
 - sizes, colors and dimensions carrier specific
- Fee 92225 (\$ 26.72) 92226 (\$ 24.58)

Fundus Photography 92250

- Bilateral
- Not Bundled
- Requires Interpretation
- Fee \$ 64.56

External Ocular Photography 92285

- Report for documentation of medical progress
 - Ex.: close-up photography, slit lamp photography, goniophotography, stereo-photography
- Bilateral
- Not Bundled
- Requires Interpretation and report
- Fee \$ 20.40

Special Anterior Segment Photography 92286 ■ With specular endothelial microscopy and cell count - Ex: Konan specular microscope Bilateral ■ Not Bundled Requires Interpretation and report Fee \$ 38.11 **Tear Osmolarity Testing** 83861 Unilateral - Paired or cross walked to code 84081 ■ Applies to TearLab's Osmolarity Device Novel "Lab-on-a-chip" Point of care, 50nl sample of tear fluid Sample-to-answer in less than 30sec CLIA waiver granted ■ Requires Interpretation & report **Computerized Corneal Topography** 92025 Bilateral or unilateral ■ Requires interpretation & report ■ No limitations to diagnostic groups in most states Fee \$ 37.35

Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging 92132 Unilateral or bilateral Applies to anterior segment evaluations Carl Zeiss / Optical Coherence Tomography (Cirrus) Optovue / (RTVue, iVue) Requires Interpretation & report Fee \$30.75

Fitting CL for Ocular Surface Disease 92071

- Unilateral; Use –RT/-LT or -50
- Do not report 92071 in conjunction with 92072
- Report supply of lens separately with 99070 or appropriate supply code
- Fee \$37.75

Fitting CL for Management Keratoconus 92072

- Initial fitting
 - For subsequent fittings, report E/M services or general ophthalmological services
- Do not report 92072 in conjunction with 92071
- Report supply of lens separately with 99070 or appropriate supply code
- Unilateral payment; Use –RT/-LT or -50
- Fee \$13<u>3.42</u>

Serial Tonometry 92100

- Bilateral
- Requires Interpretation & Report
 - Example: Angle closure glaucomamultiple measurements over time
- Fee \$ 78.62

Corneal Hysteresis 92145

- Unilateral or Bilateral
- Corneal hysteresis determination by air impulse stimulation
- Requires Interpretation & Report
- Fee \$ 17.84

Pachymetry

76514

- Bilateral
- Measurement of central corneal thickness (CCT) proven by Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study (OHTS) to be standard of care in diagnosis and management of glaucoma, glaucoma suspect and ocular hypertension
- glaucoma, glaucoma suspect and ocular hypertension

 Also billable for keratoconus, corneal transplants, cataracts with corneal dystrophies, guttata, edema
- Requires Interpretation & Report
- Fee \$ 15.09

Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging Unilateral or bilateral ■ Applies to glaucoma or optic nerve evaluations Heidelberg / Heidelberg Retinal Topography (HRT, Spectralis) Carl Zeiss / Optical Coherence Tomography (GDX, Stratus, Cirrus) Optovue / (RTVue, iVue) Marco / Retinal Thickness Analyzer (RTA) ■ Requires Interpretation & report **Scanning Computerized Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging** 92134 Unilateral or bilateral Applies to retinal evaluations Heidelberg / Heidelberg Retinal Topography (HRT, Spectralis) Carl Zeiss / Optical Coherence Tomography (GDX, Stratus, Cirrus) Requires Interpretation & report

Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) 95930

- Unilateral or bilateral
- Visual evoked potential testing central nervous system, checkboard or flash
- Brain's electrical response to visual stimulus indicate lesion in visual pathway, including optic nerve
- Glaucoma MS, Fam Hx MS, monitor dz progression in MS, assess response to Rx
- Requires Interpretation & report

Correction Trichiasis 67820*

- Epilation
- By forceps
- □ ICD-9
 - Trichiasis without entropion
 - Senile entropior
- Global days 000
- Fee \$49.98

Removal of Foreign Body 65205*

- External Eye, Conjunctiva
 - superficial
 - scleral, non-perforating
- □ ICD-9
- FB in cul-de-sac
- Global days 000
- Fee \$ 44

Removal of Foreign Body 65210*

- External Eye, Conjunctiva
 - embedded (includes concretions)
 - subconjunctival
 - scleral, non-perforating
- □ ICD-9
 - FB in other sites or combined sites
- Global days 000
- Fee \$ 68.07

Removal of Foreign Body 65222*

External Eye, Corneal with Slit Lamp

□ ICD-9

Global days - 000

Fee \$ 66.36

Sensorimotor Examination 92060

- Quantitative measurement of ocular deviation - document all major fields of gaze
- Requires interpretation and report
- Fee \$64.32
- 92065 Orthoptic and / or pleoptic training, with continuing medical direction and evaluation

Dilation of Lacrimal Puncta 68801*

- With or Without Irrigation
- □ ICD-9
 - Epiphora, insufficiency of drainage
 - Chronic Dacryocystitis
- Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction
- Fee \$ 78.35

Punctal Occlusion By Plug 68761 ■ Temporary (collagen) or Permanent (Silicone) ■ Payment is per puncta (modifiers required) E1=left upper E3=right upper E2=left lower E4=right lower Global period - 10 days ■ Supply code-included in procedure code, not separately billable □ Fee

Modifiers

- 79 Inside post-operative global period
- 50 Bilateral Procedure
- 24 Unrelated Service / Same Doctor
- 79 Inside Global Period
- 25 Separate Service / Same Doctor / Same Day
- 52 Reduced Service / Informational / Not Reduced Fee
- 54 Surgical Care Only
- 55 Post-Op Care Only
- 51 Multiple Procedures RT/LT Right/Left
- E 1- E4 Identifies Puncta or lids

Comanagement of Surgery

- Procedures / 66984 / \$ 637.97
- Global Periods 90 days
- Value up to 20%
- MD name and NPI
- Modifiers (-54 on MD claim, -55 on OD claim and RT/LT)
- Range Dates from transfer date to end of 90 day global
- Rules Medicare Transfer Agreement in MD record
- Correspondence
- Legal/Political/Inter-professional Issues

Complicated Cataract Surgery 66982

- *New* CPT code for 2001 / \$ 793.57
- Extracapsular cataract extraction with insertion of IOL, complex, requiring devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery
 - iris expansion devices, suture support for IOL, posterior capsulorrhexis, small pupil, subluxed lens, Pseudoexfoliation, trauma, Marfan's, glaucoma, uveitis

 - pediatric populationAdvanced, white, hard cataract

Reduction in Diagnostic Testing

- CMS will decrease payment by 20% of technical component of second and subsequent diagnostic tests furnished by same physician (or physicians in same group) to same patient on same day
 - Originally set at 25% A diagnostic service refers to any diagnostic test that has a technical & professional component
- CMS indicated they will closely monitor practice changes to bypass multiple payment reductions

Reduction in Diagnostic Testing

- 76510 92060 92285
- 76511 92081 92286
- 92145 hyteresis 76512 92082 92240 92265 – eom eval
- 76513 92083 76514 92132
- 76516 92133
- 76519 92134
- 92125 92136

Place of Service Updates for 2016 16 = Temporary Lodging ■ 03 = School 17 = Walk-in retail health clinic ■ 04 = Homeless shel 18 = Place of employmt 05 = IHS-freeStand ■ 08 = Tribal-provbas ■ 09 = Prison ■ 11 = Office ■ 15 = Mobile Unit **Distinct Procedural Service (-59)** ■ Documentation should support a different session, different procedure or surgery, different site or organ, separate lesion, separate injury ■ Use only when another modifier is not available HCPCS Modifiers for selective identification of **subsets** of Distinct procedural service (-59) XS – Separate structure XU – Unusual non overlapping service **Distinct Procedural Service (-59)** ■ CMS – most widely used modifier Correct usage is when a procedure or service includes 2 or more CPT codes that are bundled under MC's CCI edits, yet circumstance support separate charges. This is not common in eyecare. considered different anatomic site ■ Documentation should support a different session, different procedure or surgery, different site or organ, separate lesion, separate injury

■ Use only when another modifier is not available

Distinct Procedural Service (-59) ■ HCPCS Modifiers for selective identification of subsets of Distinct procedural service (-59) XE – Separate encounter XS – Separate structure XU - Unusual non overlapping service On MC claims these four modifiers should be used instead of modifier -59 Ex: exam and extended ophthalmoscopy on patient w RD in office in morning, then RD repair at hospital later same day. RD repair & 92225 bundled so append –XE (or -59) to claim for 92225 **Modifier Reminders** ■ Anatomical modifiers are still required; even though ICD-10 codes identify anatomy and laterality!! ■ ICD coding does not impact reporting CPT or HCPCS -RT -LT -E1 □-E2 _-E3 _--E4 **New CPT Codes for 2017** ■ 0444T – initial placement of drug-eluting ocular insert under one or more eyelids, including fitting, training & insertion, unilateral or bilateral ■ 0445T – subsequent placement of drug-eluting ocular insert under one or more eyelids, including retraining & removal of existing insert, unilateral or ■ 0446T – creation of subcutaneous pocket with insertion of implantable glucose sensor, including system activation and patient training

Revised or Deleted CPT Codes for 2017 ■ 92235 – Fluorescein angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation & report, revised to unilateral or bilateral Fee: \$83.33 (\$129) ■ 92240 – Indocyanine green angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation & report, revised to unilateral or bilateral Fee: \$202.93 (\$292) ■ 92242 – Fluorescein angiography and Indocyanine green angiography performed at the same patient encounter with interpretation and report Fee: \$221.37 **Revised or Deleted CPT Codes for 2017** ■ 67101 – repair retinal detachment, including drainage of subretinal fluid when performed, cryotherapy revised ■ 67105 – photocoagulation, repair retina / choroid ■ 0333T – Visual Evoked Potential, screening of VA, automated with report ■ 92140 – Provocative tests for glaucoma *Deleted* 20 Conditions Account for 95% Costs

■ MI

■ AD

□ Afib

■ BrCA
■ Cataract

□ CHF

□ CKD

ColonRecCACOPDDM

Endometrial CA

Glaucoma

Hip Frx

Lung CA

CVA

Depression

Osteoporosis ProstateCA



Lack of proof that a security risk analysis has been performed that outlines risks and shows effective action has been taken to address risks is the number one reason for EHR Stimulus Funding to be recouped during a Meaningful Use Audit.

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- Ophthalmological services 92xxx codes Reviewing claims during 2014
 - Focus on 92004/92014, other 92- included
- E/M Services: OIG report 5/29/14
 - Improper payments for E/M codes cost Medicare 6.7 billion in 2010; 42% of claims incorrectly coded

Modifiers -25

- Significant, separately identifiable service above & beyond pre & post operative work of the procedure

 July 1 2013 policy statement warning not to use -25 for same day surgery, exception being NEW patients

 Bilateral intravitreal injections

 Prolonged services reasonableness of services

OIG Audits / Work Plan / Bad News

- 2015 recoveries exceed \$3 billion
- 4,112 entities excluded from participation in federal programs
- 925 criminal cases in HHS programs
- 682 civil cases, including false claims, enrichment lawsuits, CMP settlements, administrative recoveries of provider self disclosures

OI	G Work Pl	an
Rank	CPT	Services
<u> </u>	66984	Cat-IOL
1 2	92014	Comp eye exam, est pt
2 6	92012	Interm eye exam, est pt
3 1	92135	Scanning laser
52	92004	Comp eye exam, new pt
6 3	66984	Cat-IOL, complicated
67	00142	Anesthesia for proc, eye, lens
7 3	92083	Visual field, full
103	92250	Fundus photography
141	67228	Treatment of exten or prog retinopathy
148	15823	Blepharoplasty
178	92136	Ophthalmic biometry w IOL power calc

OIG Audits of HIT/EHR Bonus

- OIG Audits assess if provider met certain measures
 - Computerized order entry
 - Protecting electronic PHI, demonstrated by risk assessment
 - Menu items like medication reconcociliation, patient reminders, and transition of care summaries
- Figliozzi Audits review ALL measures for compliance
- Audits of multiple years at once now permitted
 - Possible recoupment of many more dollars
 - Possible to be audited by BOTH!

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OIG Audits of HIT/EHR Bonus

- Joe White, CFO of Shelby Medical Center sentenced to 23 months in federal prison & ordered to pay \$4.5 million in restitution. He oversaw the hospital's implementation of EHR and was responsible for MU attestation. Shelby Medical Center has permanently closed.
- Message falsely attesting or failure to meet requirements could result in civil penalties, refund of incentive money and possibly criminal charges
- HHS 70% of healthcare industry is not HIPAA compliant
- CMS 79% of MU audits have resulted in failure

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Recovery Audit Contractors RAC Completed 3 year demonstration project in 2012 Congress will mandate a nationwide implementation of a permanent RAC program for Medicare part A & B Mandates by Affordable Care Act CMS negotiated new contracts for RACs Name changes to Recovery Auditors (RA) Assess RA activity in your area and specialty www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-systems/ Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/ Recovery-Audit-Program/index.html Recoveries of \$2.57 Billion in 2014

All "Payers" are expanding auditing contracts and personnel due to the proven financial benefit! \$4.1 billion in 2010, over \$6 billion in 2011 and over \$15 billion in 2012 returned to CMS. Medicare, which was going bankrupt by 2014, is now funded beyond 2017 due in part to aggressive audit activity.

DRAMATICALLY INCREASED AUDITs

■ Operation Restore Trust returned \$23 for each \$1 invested.

Audited due to 85% of 99211-99215 codes being billed as 99214. Compared clinic's usage with 2,149 other clinics (PTANS) in Peer Group of the specialty 41 Optometry. Compared usage over 12 months within the 15 MAC jurisdiction (4 states). Information from WPS Medicare Administrative Contractor Clinic Comparison CPT Usage Percent 99211 0 0% 99211 2,218 1% 99212 4 1% 99212 4 1% 99213 13,712 46% 99214 592 85% 99214 75,661 31% 99215 13 1% 99215 2,105 1%

Utiliza	tion Common Op	hthalmic Tests
92133	SCODI Glaucoma	8%
92134	SCODI retina	19%
■ 9208x	Visual fields	10%
9222x	Extended ophthal	18%
92250	Fundus Photograph	8%
92235	Fluorescein angio	7%
92020	Gonioscopy	3%
76514	Pachymetry	2%
92285	External photo	1%

Monitor Compliance with Audits

- Develop a "Documentation"
- Monthly Assessment
- 10 charts/Provider minimum OIG Compliance
- Report your Results
- negative variances
 RETRAIN, RETRAIN..

THANK YOU!

- Primary Eyecare Network
 - 1.800.444.9230 www.primaryeye.net
 Medicare Compliance Kit
 Health History Questionnaire

 - Examination Forms
 E/M Worksheets
 ICD-10 Codes
 Interpretation/Report form

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