



# Coding for a Dilated Eye Exam for Diabetic Patients For Eye Care Professionals

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that a dilated eye exam "be repeated annually by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who is knowledgeable and experienced in diagnosing the presence of diabetic retinopathy and is aware of its management."

## Coding Requirements

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) are required by State and Federal regulations to capture specific eye exam codes via claims submission billing codes. These billing codes are used to generate an annual randomized audit sample. This audit is performed via the required annual Health Plan Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) audit that the MCO's must participate in.

## Audit Requirements

Based on the coding used to create the randomized sample list, the MCO's must audit patient records for evidence of a dilated eye exam to screen for diabetic retinopathy by an appropriate provider.

- ❖ These codes tell the MCO where to look for evidence of a dilated eye exam during the HEDIS audit.
- ❖ The HEDIS audit also reviews whether the dilated eye exam was forwarded to the patients Primary Care Practitioner (PCP) for coordination of care purposes.

## From HEDIS® Technical Specifications 2009

(Excerpted from the Comprehensive Diabetes Care Measure)

This table includes all of the codes including surgical codes that MCOs are allowed to count as a "hit" or positive result for a dilated eye exam within the diabetic population. NOTE: Not all codes may be appropriate for your office site.

### Codes to Identify Eye Exams\*

| CPT Codes Used in HEDIS Audits | Description  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 67028                          | Intravitreal Njx Pharmacologic Agt Spx                     |
| 67030                          | Incise Inner Eye Strands                                   |
| 67031                          | Laser Surgery, Eye Strands                                 |
| 67036                          | Removal of Inner Eye Fluid                                 |
| 67038                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna Epirta Memb Stripping                 |
| 67039                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna Focal Endolaser PC                    |
| 67040                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna Endolaser Pan RTA PC                  |
| 67041                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna w/ Rmvl Preretinal Cellular Membrane  |
| 67042                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna w/Rmvl Intrnl Limiting Membran of RTA |
| 67043                          | Vtrc Mchnl Pars Plna w/ Rmvl Subretinal Membrane           |
| 67101                          | Rpr Rta Dtchmnt 1+ Sess Crtx/Dthrm +-DRG                   |
| 67105                          | Rpr Pr Rta Dtchmnt 1+ Sess PC +-DRG Subrta                 |
| 67107                          | Rpr Rta Dtchmnt Scll Buckling +-Implt                      |
| 67108                          | Rpr Rta Dtchmnt w/Vtrc Any Meth                            |

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| <b>CPT Codes<br/>Used in HEDIS Audits</b> | <b>Description</b>                                   |
|---|--|
| 67110                                     | Rpr Rta Dtchmnt NJX Air/Oth Gas                      |
| 67112                                     | Rpr Rta Dtchmnt Scll Buckling/Vtrc Pt                |
| 67113                                     | Rpr Cmplx Retinal Dtchmnt w/ VTRC & Membrane Peeling |
| 67121                                     | Remove Eye Implant Material                          |
| 67141                                     | Proph Rta Dtchmnt w/o DRG 1+ Sess Crtx Dthrm         |
| 67145                                     | Proph Rta Dtchmnt w/o DRG 1+ Sess                    |
| 67208                                     | Dstrj Loclzd Les Retina 1+ Sess CRTX Dthrm           |
| 67210                                     | Dstrj Loclzd Les Retina 1+ Sess PC                   |
| 67218                                     | Dstrj Les Retina 1+ Sess Radj Impltj                 |
| 67220                                     | Treatment of Choroid Lesion                          |
| 67221                                     | Ocular Photodynamic Ther                             |
| 67227                                     | Dstrj Retinopathy 1+ Sess Crtx Dthrm                 |
| 67228                                     | Dstrj Retinopathy 1+ Sess PC                         |
| 92002                                     | Oph Medical Xm & Eval Intrm New Pt                   |
| 92004                                     | Oph Medical Xm & Eval Compre New Pt 1+ Vst           |
| 92012                                     | Oph Medical Xm & Eval Intrm Est Pt                   |
| 92014                                     | Oph Medical Xm & Eval Compre Est Pt 1+ Vst           |
| 92018                                     | Oph Xm & Eval Anes +-Mnpj Globe Comple               |
| 92019                                     | Oph Xm & Eval Anes +-Mnpj Globe Lmtd                 |
| 92225                                     | Opscopy Extnd Rta Drawing I&R 1st                    |
| 92226                                     | Opscopy Extnd Rta Drawing I&R Sbsq                   |
| 92230                                     | Fluorescein Angioscopy I&R                           |
| 92235                                     | Fluorescein Angrph I&R                               |
| 92240                                     | IndocYA9-Green Angrph I&R                            |
| 92250                                     | Fundus Phtgrphy I&R                                  |
| 92260                                     | Ophthalmodynamometry                                 |
| 99203                                     | Office Outpt New 30 Min                              |
| 99204                                     | Office Outpt New 45 Min                              |
| 99205                                     | Office Outpt New 60 Min                              |
| 99213                                     | Office Outpt Est 15 Min                              |
| 99214                                     | Office Outpt Est 25 Min                              |
| 99215                                     | Office Outpt Est 40 Min                              |
| 99242                                     | Office Consltj 30 Min                                |
| 99243                                     | Office Consltj 40 Min                                |
| 99244                                     | Office Consltj 60 Min                                |
| 99245                                     | Office Consltj 80 Min                                |

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| HCPCS Codes Used in HEDIS Audits | Description  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| S0625                            | Retinal telescreening by digital imaging of multiple different fundus areas to screen for vision threatening conditions, including imaging, interpretation and report  |
| S3000                            | Diabetic indicator; retinal eye exam, dilated, bilateral<br>PCPs may want to use this code on referrals to assist the eye care professional in identifying that this consult is to screen for diabetic retinopathy |
| S0620                            | Routine ophthalmological examination including refraction; new patient   |
| S0621                            | Routine ophthalmological examination including refraction; estab. patient  |

| ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes Used in HEDIS Audits | Description  |
|---|--|
| V72.0   | Special investigations and examinations; examination of eyes |

| ICD-9-CM Procedure Codes Used in HEDIS Audits | Description   |
|---|---|
| 14.1  | Diagnostic procedures on retina, choroid, vitreous, and posterior chamber |
| 14.2  | Destruction of lesion of retina and choroid                               |
| 14.3  | Repair of retinal tear  |
| 14.4  | Repair of retinal detachment with scleral buckling and implant            |
| 14.5  | Other repair of retinal detachment  |
| 14.9  | Other operations on retina, choroid, and posterior chamber                |
| 95.02   | Comprehensive eye examination   |
| 95.03   | Extended ophthalmologic work-up   |
| 95.04   | Eye examination under anesthesia  |
| 95.11   | Fundus photography  |
| 95.12   | Fluorescein angiography or angioscopy of eye                              |
| 95.16   | P32 and other tracer studies of eye                                       |

\* Eye exams provided by eye care professionals are a proxy for dilated eye examinations because there is no administrative way to determine that a dilated exam was performed.

## Codes used by other provider types to document services provided by an optometrist or ophthalmologist (Example: Traveling eye exam clinics in frontier areas)

| CPT Category II Codes Used in HEDIS Audits** | Description  |
|--|--|
| 2022F  | Dilated retinal exam with interpretation by ophthalmologist or optometrist documented & reviewed                     |
| 2024F  | Seven standard field stereoscopic photos with interpretation by ophthalmologist or optometrist documented & reviewed |
| 2026F  | Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from seven standard field stereoscopic photos results documented & reviewed |
| 3072F  | No evidence of retinopathy in the prior year   |

\*\* The MCO does not need to limit CPT Category II codes or HCPCS S0625 to an optometrist or an ophthalmologist because the codes can be used by other provider types to document services provided by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.