



Cataract Surgery Medical Necessity Audit Checklist

Medicare Administrative Contractor: CGS Administrators, LLC (Kentucky and Ohio)

This audit checklist applies to AMA CPT® Codes: 66830, 66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66930, 66940, 66982, 66983, 66984, 66987

1. Has the ordering provider supplied the following with the medical record:
 - Relevant medical history
 - Results of pertinent tests and procedures
 - The record is signed and dated
 - An ABN has been supplied and signed by the patient
 - a. Yes Proceed to question 2 for CPT code 66982 or question 4 for all other CPT codes
 - b. No Reconcile deficiencies

For CPT code 66982 to be reasonable and necessary, the procedure should require devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery, or that require complex methods such as those described in question 2.a. through 2.k.

66982- Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1-stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (eg, irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification), **complex, requiring devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery** (eg, iris expansion device, suture support for intraocular lens, or primary posterior capsulorrhexis) or performed on patients in the amblyogenic developmental stage.

2. Does the operative note for CPT code 66982 describe any of the following in 2.a. through 2.k.: (if yes, choose the correct **primary** diagnosis code from the selection and proceed to question 3: If no, proceed to question 4)
 - a. the use of an endocapsular ring to partially occlude the pupil?
 - Yes Select as primary diagnosis:
 - H20.21-H20.23 (Lens-induced iridocyclitis),
 - H21.261-H21.263, H21.29 (Iris atrophy),
 - H21.561-H21.563 (Pupillary abnormalities)
 - No Proceed to next question
 - b. micro iris hooks were inserted through four (4) separate corneal incisions, Beechler or similar expansion device, synechialysis utilizing papillary stretch maneuvers or, multiple sphincterotomies created with scissors, sector iridotomy with suture repair of the iris sphincter?
 - Yes Select as primary diagnosis:
 - H21.271-H21.273 (Miotic pupillary cyst),
 - H26.211-H26.213 (Cataract with neovascularization),
 - H26.221-H26.223 (Cataract secondary to ocular disorders),
 - No Proceed to next question



- c. a permanent intraocular suture or a capsular support ring was employed to place the intraocular lens in a stable position?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis:

- H21.221-H21.223 (Degeneration of ciliary body)

No Proceed to next question

- d. a capsular support ring was employed or an endocapsular support ring was used for partial occlusion of the pupil?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis:

- H21.531-H21.533 (Iridodialysis)

No Proceed to next question

- e. the use of micro iris hooks inserted through four (4) separate cornea incisions, use of a Beechler or similar expansion device, synechialysis utilizing papillary stretch maneuvers creation of multiple sphincterotomies with scissors, a sector iridotomy with suture repair of iris sphincter was performed, or a permanent intraocular suture, capsular support ring, or endocapsular support ring was used for partial occlusion of the pupil?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis:

- H21.81, H21.89, H21.9 (Other specified disorders of iris and ciliary body),
- H22 (Disorders of iris and ciliary body in diseases classified elsewhere-code first underlying disease),
- H25.011-H25.013, H25.11-H25.13, H25.031-H25.033, H25.041-H25.043, H25.811-H25.813, H25.89, H25.9 (age related cataract)
- H26.001-H26.003, H26.011-H26.013, H26.031-H26.033, H26.041-H26.043, H26.051-H26.053, H26.061-H26.063, H26.09, (Infantile and juvenile cataract)
- H26.121-H26.123, (Traumatic cataract)
- H26.31-H26.33 (drug-induced cataract)
- H26.8 (Other specified cataract)
- H28 (Cataract in diseases classified elsewhere-code first underlying disease)
- E08.36, E09.36, E10.36, E11.36, E13.36 (Diabetes (types) with diabetic cataract)
- Q13.0 (Coloboma of iris) Q13.2 (Other congenital malformations of iris)

No Proceed to next question

- f. that dye was used to stain the anterior capsule?

Yes Select H25.89 (Other age-related cataract)



No Proceed to next question

- g. micro iris hooks were inserted through four (4) separate corneal incisions, Beechler or similar expansion device, synechialysis utilizing papillary stretch maneuvers, multiple sphincterotomies created with scissors, sector iridotomy with suture repair of iris sphincter, intraocular lens implant was supported by using a permanent intraocular sutures, a capsular support ring was employed or a primary posteriod capsulorhexis was performed?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis:

- H26.101-H26.103 (Unspecified traumatic cataract),
- H26.111-H26.113, (Localized traumatic opacities)
- H26.131-H26.133, (Total traumatic cataract)
- H26.20 (Unspecified complicated cataract)

No Proceed to next question

- h. an extraordinary amount of work was involved in the preoperative or postoperative care?

Yes Select H28 as a secondary diagnosis (Cataract in diseases classified elsewhere-code first underlying disease)

No Proceed to next question

- i. the intraocular lens was supported by using permanent intraocular sutures or a capsular support ring?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis:

- H27.10, H27.111-H27.113, H27.121-H27.123, H27.131-H27.133 (Dislocation of lens)
- Q12.1, Q12.2, Q12.4, Q12.8, Q12.9 (Congenital lens malformations)

No Proceed to next question

- j. the use of micro iris hooks inserted through four (4) separate incisions, Beechler or similar expansion device, synechialysis utilizing papillary stretch maneuvers, multiple sphincterotomies created with scissors, a sector iridotomy with suture repair of the iris sphincter, or an artificial prosthetic iris was placed in the eye?

Yes Select as primary diagnosis

- H57.00-H57.04, H57.051-H57.053, H57.09, H57.9

No Proceed to next question

- k. the intraocular lens was supported in the eye by using permanent intraocular sutures, a capsular support ring was employed, or an endocapsular ring was used to for partial occlusion of the pupil?

Yes Select Q13.1 and proceed to question 3

No Do not code 66982. Proceed to question 4



3. Does the patient have any additional diagnoses not identified in question 2?
- a. Yes Add as a secondary diagnosis -end of audit
 - b. No End of audit

*H25.21-H25.23 (Age-related cataract, morgagnian type) must be reported with H40.89 (Other specified glaucoma)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis that falls within ICD-10-CM codes H59.021-H59.023 (cataract lens fragments in wye following cataract surgery)?
- a. Yes Select the correct CPT code 66840, 66850, 66852
 - b. No Revise CPT code to other than 66840, 66850, 66852
5. Does the patient have a diagnosis that falls within ICD-10-CM codes H26.491-H26.493 (other secondary cataract)?
- a. Yes Select the correct CPT code 66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66930
 - b. No Revise CPT code to other than 66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66930

Surgeon:	Phone:	Fax:
Surgery: Cataract	Patient:	DOB:
Date of Surgery:	Acct/MRN:	Date:
Auditor:	Date of Audit:	Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail: <input type="checkbox"/>
Dear Dr. _____,		
Medicare requires specific documentation for cataract procedures to meet medical necessity criteria. We have noted deficiencies that may prevent or delay services from being paid correctly or in a timely fashion. Please correct the following deficiencies, if applicable, and return the documentation at the earliest convenience:		
Thank you,		
Auditor Name		
Name of hospital or surgery center		
Phone number:		
Fax number:		