

OPTOMETRIC PROCEDURES

It is the current policy of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry to accept the following procedures (by definition and by CPT code number) as within the practice of optometry at the present time (August 2014). This manual describes the procedures that an optometrist might be expected to provide as part of patient care which is both reasonable and medically indicated. These procedures when applied to patient care as described above represent the provision of health care services consistent with South Carolina law regarding the practice of optometry. An optometrist may recommend other diagnostic tests consistent with these purposes and South Carolina law when those diagnostic tests are contributory to a complete diagnosis of the vision system.

GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

NEW PATIENT

92002 Ophthalmic services: medical examination and evaluation with initiation of diagnosis and treatment program; intermediate, new patient

92004 Comprehensive, new patient, one or more visits

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

92012 Ophthalmic services: medical examination and evaluation with initiation or continuation of diagnostic and treatment program; intermediate, established patient

92014 Comprehensive, established patient, one or more visits

SPECIAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES

92015 Determination of refractive state

92020 Gonioscopy with medical diagnostic evaluation

92025 Computerized corneal topography, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report

92060 Sensorimotor examination with multiple measurements of ocular deviation and medical diagnostic evaluation (eg., restrictive or paretic muscle with diplopia)(separate procedure)

92065 Orthoptic and/or pleoptic training, with continuing medical direction and evaluation

92070 Fitting of contact lens for eyes with disease, including supply of lens

92081 Visual field examination, unilateral or bilateral, with optometric diagnosis evaluation; limited examination (eg., tangent screen, Autoplot, arc perimeter, or single stimulus level automated test, such as Octopus 3 or 7 equivalent)

92082 Intermediate examination (eg., at least 2 isopters on Goldmann perimeter, or semiquantitative, automated suprathreshold screening program, Humphrey

suprathreshold automatic diagnostic test, Octopus program 33)

92083 Extended examination (eg., goldmann visual fields with at least 3 isopters plotted and static determination within the central 30 or quantitative, automated threshold perimetry, Octopus program G-1, 32 or 42, Humphrey visual field analyzer full threshold programs 30-2, 24-2, or 30/60-2)

(Gross visual field testing (eg., confrontation testing) is a part of general ophthalmic services and is not reported separately)

92100 Serial tonometry (separate procedure) with multiple measurements of intraocular pressure over an extended time period with medical diagnostic evaluation, same day (eg., diurnal curve)

92120 Tonography with medical evaluation, recording indentation tonometer method of perilimbal suction method

92130 Tonography with water provocation

92135 Scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (e.g. scanning laser) with interpretation and report, unilateral

92136 Optical Coherence Biometry, measuring and calculating the power for a planned implantation of an intraocular lens during cataract surgery

92140 Provocative tests for glaucoma, with medical diagnostic evaluation, without tonography

92504 Binocular Microscopy

99025 Initial visit when starred surgical procedure constitutes major service at that visit

OPHTHALMOSCOPY

Routine ophthalmoscopy is part of general and special ophthalmic services whenever indicated. It is a non-itemized service and is not reported separately.

92225 Ophthalmoscopy, extended as for retinal detachment (may include use of contact lens, drawing or sketch, and/or fundus biomicroscopy), with medical diagnostic evaluation; initial

92226 Subsequent

92230 Ophthalmoscopy, with medical diagnostic evaluation; with fluorescein angiography (observation only)

92235 with fluorescein angiography (includes multiframe photograph)

92250 with fundus photography

92260 with ophthalmodynamometry

OTHER SPECIALIZED SERVICES

92265 Oculoelectromyography, one or more extraocular muscles, one or both eyes, with medical diagnostic evaluation

92270 Electro-oculography, with medical diagnostic evaluation

92275 Electroretinography, with medical diagnostic evaluation

92283 Color vision examination, extended, eg., anomaloscope or equivalent

(Color vision testing with pseudoisochromatic plates (such as HRR or Ishihara) is not reported separately. It is included in the appropriate general or medical services)

- 92284** Dark adaptation examination, with medical diagnostic evaluation
- 92285** External ocular photography with medical diagnostic evaluation for documentation of medical progress (eg., close-up photography, slit lamp photography, goniphotography, stereo-photography)
- 92286** Special anterior segment photography with medical diagnostic evaluation; with specular endothelial microscopy and cell count
- 92287** with fluorescein angiography

VESTIBULAR FUNCTION TESTS, WITH OBSERVATION AND EVALUATION BY PHYSICIAN/OPTOMETRIST, WITHOUT ELECTRICAL RECORDING

- 92531** Spontaneous nystagmus, including gaze
- 92532** Positional nystagmus
- 92533** Caloric vestibular test each irrigation (binaural, bithermal stimulation constitutes four tests)
- 92534** Optokinetic nystagmus
- 92541** Spontaneous nystagmus test, including faze and fixation nystagmus, with recording
- 92542** Positional nystagmus test, minimum of 4 positions, with recording
- 92544** Optokinetic nystagmus test, bidirectional, foveal or peripheral stimulation, with recording
- 92545** Oscillating tracking test, with recording
- 92546** Torsion swing test, with recording
- 92547** Use of vertical electrodes in any or all of above test counts as one additional test

OPHTHALMIC TREATMENT SERVICES (SPECTACLE SERVICES)

- 92340** Treatment with spectacles, except for aphakia; monofocal
- 92341** bifocal
- 92342** multifocal, other than bifocal
- 92352** Fitting of spectacle prosthesis for aphakia, monofocal
- 92353** multifocal
- 92358** Prosthesis service for aphakia, temporary (disposable or loan, including materials)
- 92370** Repair and adjusting spectacles; except for aphakia
- 92371** spectacle prosthesis for aphakia

CONTACT LENS TREATMENT SERVICES

- 92070** Fitting of contact lens for treatment of disease including supply of lens
- 92310** Prescription of optical and physical characteristics of contact lenses with medical supervision of adaptation, both eyes except for aphakia (For prescription and fitting of one eye, add modifier -52 or use 09952)

92311 corneal lens for aphakia, one eye
92312 corneal lens for aphakia, two eyes
92313 corneal scleral lens
92314 Prescription of optical and physical characteristics and management of contact lens with medical supervision of adaptation and direction of fitting by independent technician, corneal lens, both eyes except for aphakia (For prescription and fitting of one eye, add modifier -52 or use 09952.)
92315 corneal lens for aphakia, one eye
92316 corneal lens for aphakia, two eyes
92317 corneal scleral lens
92325 Modification of contact lens (separate procedure), with evaluation of adaptation
92326 Replacement of contact lens

LOW VISION TREATMENT SERVICES

92354 Treatment with spectacle mounted low vision aid; single-element system
92355 telescopic or other compound lens system

VISION THERAPY SERVICES

92060 Sensorimotor examination with medical diagnostic evaluation
92065 Orthoptic and/or pleoptic training with continuing medical direction and evaluation
95999 Unlisted neurological or neuromuscular diagnostic procedure
96110 Developmental testing; limited (eg, Developmental Screening Test II, Early Language Milestone Screen) with interpretation and report
96111 Extended (includes assessment of motor, language, social, adaptive and/or cognitive functioning by standardized developmental instruments, eg, Bayley Scales of Infant Development) with interpretation and report, per hour
96116 Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, eg, acquired knowledge, attention, memory, visual spatial abilities, language functions, planning) with interpretation and report, per hour

ALLERGY TESTING

95004 Percutaneous tests with allergenic extracts, immediate type reaction, specify number of tests

NEUROLOGY AND NEUROMUSCULAR PROCEDURES

95930 Visual evoked potential (VEP) testing central nervous system, checkerboard or flash

LOW VISION CODES (physical medicine codes)

97110 Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility

97112-4 Neuromuscular Re-education (eccentric viewing training and visual scanning training)

97116 Neuromuscular Re-education (gait training, orientation, & mobility)

97530 Therapeutic activities (therapeutic activities to improve function)

97532 Development of cognitive skills to improve attention, memory, problem solving

97533 Sensory integrative techniques to enhance sensory processing and promote adaptive responses to environmental demands

97535 Training in ADLs (teaching use of devices in activities of daily living)

97537 Community re-integration training (teaching use of devices & techniques outside the home)

97750 Visual performance testing (reading testing and visual tracking)

UNLISTED SERVICE

92499 Unlisted ophthalmic service or procedure

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

NEW

99381 Initial evaluation and management, comprehensive history and examination, identification of risk factors, and ordering of lab/diagnostic procedures; infant under 1 year

99382 early childhood (age 1 through 4 years)

99383 late childhood (age 5 through 11 years)

99384 adolescent (age 12 through 17 years)

99385 18-39 years

99386 40-64 years

99387 65 years and over

ESTABLISHED

99391 Reevaluation and management requiring comprehensive history and examination, identification of risk factors, and ordering of lab/diagnostic procedures; infant under 1 year

99392 early childhood (age 1 through 4 years)

99393 late childhood (age 5 through 11 years)

99394 adolescent (age 12 through 17 years)

99395 18-39 years

99396 40-64 years

99397 65 years and over

INDIVIDUAL

99401 Counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s); approx. 15 minutes

99402 approx. 30 minutes

99403 approx. 45 minutes

99404 approx. 60 minutes

GROUP

99411 Counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) in a group setting; approx. 30 minutes

99412 approx. 60 minutes

OTHER PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SERVICES

99420 Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment instrument (e.g. health hazard appraisal)

99429 Unlisted preventive medicine service

99499 Unlisted evaluation and management service

CONSULTATIONS

OUTPATIENT

99241 Office consultation for new or established patient requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99242 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99243 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of low complexity

99244 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99245 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

PROLONGED SERVICES

99354 Prolonged service in the office or other outpatient setting; requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; first hour (List separately in addition to code for office or other outpatient Evaluation and Management service).

99355 Prolonged service in the office or other outpatient setting; requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for prolonged service).

99358 Prolonged evaluation and management service; before and/or after direct patient care; first hour

99359 Prolonged evaluation and management service: before and/or after direct patient care; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for prolonged service).

INPATIENT INITIAL

99251 Initial inpatient consultation for a new or established patient requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99252 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99253 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of low complexity

99254 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99255 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

POSTOPERATIVE CARE SERVICES (Must be submitted with Modifier 55)

65771 Post-op Radial Keratotomy

65855 Post-op Trabeculoplasty by laser surgery, one or more sessions

66821 Post-op YAG Capsulotomy

66850 Phacofragmentation technique

66982 Post-op Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens, complex

66983 Post-op Intracapsular cataract extraction with insertion of intraocular lens

66984 Post-op Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens

66985 Post-op, Secondary implant

66986 Exchange of intraocular lens

66940 Extracapsular, other

EXTERNAL EYE SERVICES

65205 Removal of foreign body, external eye; conjunctival superficial

65210 conjunctival embedded (included concretions)

65220 corneal, without slit lamp

65222 corneal, with slit lamp

65430 Scraping of corneal, diagnostic, for smear and/or culture

65435 Removal of corneal epithelium; with or without chemocauterization (abrasion, curettage.)

65600 Anterior Stromal Puncture

65778 Placement of amniotic membrane on the ocular surface for wound healing; self-retaining

67700 Blepharotomy, drainage of abscess, eyelid

67820 Correction of trichiasis; epilation, by forceps only

67850 Destruction of lesion at lid margin (up to 1 cm)

67938 Removal of embedded foreign body, eyelid

67840 Excision of lesion of eyelid without closure

68020 Incision of Conjunctiva, drainage of cyst

68040 Expression of conjunctival follicles

68761 By plug, each. (This is under Lacrimal System - Repair)

68801 Dilation of lacrimal punctum, with or without irrigation (To report a bilateral procedure, use 68801 with modifier -50 or 09950)

68820 Probing of nasolacrimal duct, with or without irrigation, unilateral or bilateral

68830 Naso-lacrimal duct probe with insertion of stent or tube

68840 Probing of lacrimal canaliculi, with or without irrigation

68899 otherwise unlisted

95060 Ophthalmic mucous membrane tests

(This code is also associated with procedure code 375.15 which is also with the scope of practice of optometry. 375.15 Tear film insufficiency, unspecified: Dry eye syndrome.)

OFFICE SERVICES

NEW PATIENT

99201 Evaluation and management requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99202 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99203 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of low complexity

99204 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99205 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

99211 Evaluation and management that may not require the presence of a physician; presenting problems minimal

99212 Evaluation and management requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; straightforward medical decision making. Problems self limited or minor

99213 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of low complexity

99214 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity

99215 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; medical decision making of high complexity

HOME SERVICES

NEW PATIENT

99341 Home visit for evaluation and management requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity

99342 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99343 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

99347 Home visit for evaluation and management requiring at least two of these components: a problem focused interval history; a problem focused examination; medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity

99348 requiring at least two of these components: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity

99349 requiring at least two of these components: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of high complexity

99350 requiring at least two of these components: a comprehensive interval history; a comprehensive examination; medical decision making of moderate to high complexity

SKILLED NURSING, INTERMEDIATE CARE, AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

SUBSEQUENT CARE

NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT

NURSING HOME, BOARDING HOME, DOMICILIARY, OR CUSTODIAL CARE MEDICAL SERVICES

Domiciliary or custodial care involves periodic services, provided to a patient who is institutionalized on a long-term basis.

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SERVICES

76511 Ophthalmic ultrasound, echography; A-mode, spectral analysis with amplitude quantification

76512 Contact B-scan (with or without simultaneous A-scan)

76513 Anterior segment ultrasound / Immersion B-scan / High-Resolution biomicroscopy

76514 Determination of corneal thickness (e.g. pachometry) with interpretation and report, bilateral

76516 Ophthalmic biometry by ultrasound echography, A-mode

76519 with intraocular lens power calculation

76529 Ophthalmic ultrasonic foreign body localization

BIOFEEDBACK SERVICES

90901 Biofeedback training; by electro-myogram application (eg., in tension headache, muscle spasm)

MICROBIOLOGY SERVICES

83861 Microfluidic analysis utilizing an integrated collection and analysis device, tear osmolarity

87071 Microbiology, quantitative, aerobic with isolation and presumptive identification, from any source except urine, blood, or stool

87075 Culture, bacterial, any source; anaerobic (isolation)

87181 Sensitivity studies, antibiotic, agar diffusion method, per antibiotic

87205 Smear, primary source, with interpretation; routine stain for bacteria, fungi, or cell types

E/M CODES

HOSPITAL INPATIENT

NEW PATIENT

99221 Initial hospital care for evaluation and management requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

99222 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

99223 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity.

SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE

99231 Subsequent hospital care for evaluation and management requiring two of the following: a problem focused interval history; a problem focused examination; medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

99232 requiring two of the following: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity.

99233 requiring two of the following: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of high complexity.

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SERVICES

99238 Hospital discharge day management

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES

99281 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making.

99282 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and medical decision making of low complexity.

99283 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and medical decision making of low to moderate complexity.

99284 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

99285 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

SPECIAL SERVICES AND REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

99000 Handling, and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the doctor's office to a laboratory

99001 Handling, and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the patient's home to a laboratory (distance may be indicated)

99002 Handling, conveyance, and/or any other service in connection with the implementation of an order involving devices (eg., designing, fitting, packaging, handling, delivery or mailing) when devices such as orthoptics, protectives, prosthetics are fabricated by an outside laboratory or shop but which items have been designed and are to be fitted and adjusted by the attending provider

99024 Postoperative follow-up visit, included in global service

99050 Services requested after office hours in addition to basic service

99053 Services requested between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM at a 24 hour facility in addition to basic service

99056 Services provided at request of patient in a location other than optometrists's office which are normally provided in the office

- 99058** Office services provided on an emergency basis
- 99070** Supplies and materials (except spectacles) provided by the optometrists over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (list materials provided)
- 99071** Educational supplies, such as books, tapes, and pamphlets, provided by the optometrist for the patient's medical education at cost to optometrist
- 99075** Medical testimony as an optometrist
- 99078** Medical education services rendered to patients in a group setting
- 99080** Special reports as insurance forms, or the review of medical data to clarify a patient's status - more than the information conveyed in the usual medical communications or standard reporting form
- 99082** Unusual travel (eg., transportation and escort of patient)
- 99090** Analysis of information data stored in computers

TEAM CONFERENCES

- 99361** Medical conference by a physician with interdisciplinary team of health professionals or representatives of community agencies to coordinate activities of patient care (patient not present): approximately 30 minutes
- 99362** approximately 60 minutes

TELEPHONE CALLS

- 99371** Telephone call by a physician to patient or for consultation or medical management or for coordinating medical management with other health care professionals; simple or brief
- 99372** intermediate
- 99373** complex or lengthy

MODIFIERS

- 21 or 09921** prolonged evaluation and management services
- 22 or 09922** unusual procedural services
- 24 or 09924** unrelated E/M service/same physician/during post-op
- 25 or 09925** significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management service by the same physician on the day of a procedure
- 26 or 09926** profession component
- 32 or 09932** mandated services
- 50 or 09950** bilateral procedure
- 51 or 09951** multiple procedures
- 52 or 09952** reduced services
- 55 or 09955** post-operative management only*
- 56 or 09956** pre-operative management only
- 76 or 09976** repeat procedure/same physician
- 77 or 09977** repeat procedure/different physician
- 79 or 09979** unrelated proc/service/same phys/post-op

-90 or 09990 reference lab (i.e., visual fields but not interpreted for another doctor)

-99 or 09999 multiple modifiers

* "-55" or "-56" may be used with any ophthalmic surgical procedure

1055F Cataracts: assessment of visual functional status

2019F ARMD: Dilated Macular Examination

2020F Cataracts: Pre-Surgical Dilated Fundus Evaluation

2021F Diabetic retinopathy: documentation of presence or absence of macular edema and level of severity of retinopathy

2027F Primary Open Angle glaucoma: Optic nerve Evaluation

3073F Cataracts: documentation of pre-surgical axial length, corneal power measurement and method of intraocular lens power calculation

4007F ARMD: AREDS prescribed / recommended

5010F Diabetic retinopathy : communication with the physician managing ongoing diabetes care

0198T Measurement of ocular blood flow by repetitive intraocular pressure sampling, with interpretation and report