



Subject: Intraocular Lens (IOL)*

Effective Date: October 28, 2008

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, S0596 ,V2787, V2788

E. Because placement of a non-reimbursable lens is reimbursable, management of complications of the placement itself **IS REIMBURSABLE**.

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