

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 (October 30, 2002). Each of these procedures must be utilized in a non-invasive manner to examine and treat disorders of the eye, vision system, and ocular adnexa as an optometrist. 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

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

92135-26 With a written statement. Performing the interpretation of the Nerve Head Analyzer only

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

92280 Visually evoked potential (response) study, 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, goniophotography, 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

92599 Unlisted otorhinolaryngological service or procedure (i.e. vestibular testing)

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

SUPPLY OF MATERIALS

92390 Supply of spectacles, except prosthesis for aphakia and low vision aids

92391 Supply of contact lenses, except prosthesis for aphakia

(For supply of contact lenses reported as part of the service of fitting, see 92310-92313)

(For replacement of contact lens, see 92326)

92392 Supply of low vision aids (A low vision aid is any lens or device used to and or improve visual function in a person whose vision cannot be normalized by conventional spectacle correction includes reading additions up to 4 D.)

92393 Supply of ocular prosthesis (artificial eye)

(For supply reported as part of the service of fitting, see 92330)

92395 Supply of permanent prosthesis for aphakia, spectacles

(For temporary spectacle correction, see 92358)

92396 contact lenses

(For supply reported as part of the service of fitting, see 92311, 92312)(See 99070 for the supply of other materials, drugs, trays etc.)

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 corneoscleral 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 corneoscleral 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

96115 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

PROSTHETIC EYE SERVICES

92330 Prescription, fitting and supply of ocular prosthesis (artificial eye), with medical supervision of adaptation

92335 Prescription of ocular prosthesis (artificial eye) and direction of fitting and supply by an independent technician with medical supervision of adaptation.

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

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

INPATIENT (FOLLOW-UP)

99261 Follow-up inpatient consultation requiring: a problem focused interval history; a problem focused examination; medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity

99262 requiring: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity

99263 requiring: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of high complexity

CONFIRMATORY

99271 Confirmatory consultation for a new or established patient requiring: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99272 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making

99273 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of low complexity

99274 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99275 requiring: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

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.)
- 67820** Correction of trichiasis; epilation, by forceps only
- 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

99311 Subsequent nursing facility care, per day, for the 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

99312 requiring at least two of these components: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity

99313 requiring at least two of these components: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of moderate to high complexity

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.

NEW PATIENT

99321 Domiciliary or rest 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

99322 requiring: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity

99323 requiring: a detailed history; a detailed examination; and medical decision making of high complexity

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

99331 Domiciliary or rest 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

99332 requiring at least two of these components: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity

99333 requiring at least two of these components: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of high complexity

DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND SERVICES

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

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

76516 Ophthalmic biometry by ultrasound echography, A-mode

76519 with intraocular lens power calculation

76529 Ophthalmic ultrasonic foreign body localization

BIOFEEDBACK SERVICES

90900 Biofeedback training; by electro-myogram application (eg., in tension headache, muscle spasm)

MICROBIOLOGY SERVICES

87072 Culture or direct bacterial identification method each organism, by commercial kit, any source except urine

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 orthotics, 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

99052 Services requested between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM in addition to basic service

99054 Service requested on Sundays and holidays 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
