

## Optometry Coding & Billing Alert

### Clip and Save: Use This Worksheet to Simplify Cataract Co-Management

#### Keep all of your critical postoperative care data at your fingertips

When it's time to submit your bill for postoperative co-management of a cataract patient, it's helpful to have all the pertinent information in one place. Keeping track of essential dates, as well as how much follow-up (F/U) care the surgeon provided, will help keep your claims clean and rewarding.

Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)    Right eye                      Left eye

Surgery date \_\_\_\_\_

Post-op care starts \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon's F/U care from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) through \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Number of days F/U by surgeon \_\_\_\_\_

OD assumes care starting \_\_\_\_\_ (date) through \_\_\_\_\_ (date) [Copy in Line 19 of CMS-1500]

Number of days F/U by OD \_\_\_\_\_ [Copy in Line 24g of CMS-1500]

**Do** make sure that the number of days in Line 19 and number of days in Line 24g of CMS-1500 match.

**Don-t** file the claim electronically; use a paper claim instead.

**Don-t** file for both eyes on the same CMS-1500 form. Use two forms, one for each eye.

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