

Optometry Coding & Billing Alert

Quick Key: Lash Out With These ICD-9 Codes

Regardless of how you code epilation, you must document an ICD-9 code that signals to Medicare that the procedure was performed out of medical necessity. Acceptable diagnosis codes will vary among carriers, but some ICD-9 codes that typically support medical necessity include:

1. 374.01 -- Senile entropion
2. 374.04 -- Cicatricial entropion
3. 374.05 -- Trichiasis without entropion
4. 374.54 -- Hypertrichosis of eyelid
5. 374.89 -- Other disorders of eyelid.