

Optometry Coding & Billing Alert

Reader Question: Document Your Way to High Eye Code Pay

Question: What are the documentation requirements for each level of the eye exam?

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Answer: Medicare provides 10 eye exam components that frame the guidelines most carriers abide by. The comprehensive exam consists of eight or more of the following, while the intermediate is seven or fewer:

1. Confrontation visual fields
2. Eyelids and adnexa
3. Ocular motility
4. Pupils/iris
5. Cornea
6. Anterior chamber
7. Lens
8. Intraocular pressure
9. Retina (vitreous, macula, periphery and vessels)
10. Optic disk.