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Upcoming Code Edits (Effective June 1, 2021)

Beginning June 1, 2021, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee will implement the following new code editing policy to ensure appropriate coding guidelines are followed for claims submitted for reimbursement.

Ophthalmology Policies

Frequency Limit for Ophthalmic Diagnostic Imaging of the Retina (92134) not related to Glaucoma or Retinal Disease

Per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Policy, it's rarely necessary to perform scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (SCODI) of the retina more than one time in one year (365 days). For patients whose primary ophthalmological condition is not related to retinal disease or glaucoma, these services will be denied.

Exceptions will include:

- Retinal and Glaucoma diagnoses (ICD-10 codes H40-H42, Q15.0).
- Any Glaucoma related diagnoses such as:
 - Recession of chamber angle (ICD-10 codes H21.55-H21.559)
 - Glaucomatous optic atrophy (ICD-10 codes H47.23-H47.239)
 - Visual field defects (ICD-10 codes H53.41- H53.439).

Diagnosis Requirement for SCODI of the Posterior Segment (92133 or 92134)

According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and CMS policy, scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging (SCODI) of the posterior segment (92133 or 92134) is indicated only for conditions describing damage to the optic nerve or retina. Services reporting for other conditions will be denied.

Examples of covered indications:

- Benign neoplasm of the retina (ICD-10 codes D31.2-D31.22)
- Cystoid macular edema following cataract surgery (ICD-10 codes H59.031-H59.033)
- Histoplasmosis of retina (ICD-10 codes B39.4-B39.9)
- Malignant neoplasm of the eye (ICD-10 codes C69-C69.92)
- Retinal detachments and defects (ICD-10 codes H33.0-H33.059)
- Tuberculosis of the eye (ICD-10 codes A18.51, A18.53-A18.59)

Services reporting for other conditions will be denied.