

Removal of foreign body from eye

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1. Abstract

1.1 For Members

Billing Rules are the adjudication rules which follow official CPT, ICD and regulatory/CCSC coding guidelines. A billing rule defines the minimum requirements to be met when a service is claimed for a Daman beneficiary in terms of frequency, duration etc.

It explains the minimum required documentation to claim a service. It also defines the coverage of a service under a particular health insurance plan administered by Daman.

1.2 For Medical Professionals

The billed CPT code for "Foreign Body Removal from eye" should convey the treatment rendered. When minor surgical procedures are performed, as per the CPT guidelines the provider should choose a code that most accurately reflects the treatment.

The providers are required to document all pre, intra and post service to support the ICD diagnoses and the CPT codes claimed. This should be made available for Daman when required for audit.

If the selected ICD or CPT code does not meet the ICD and CPT code requirements the claim may be denied.

As per regulatory and CPT E&M visit on the same day of minor surgery, unless significant and separately identifiable beyond the pre-operative and post-operative work of the procedure, cannot be claimed in addition to a CPT code.

2. Scope

The scope of this Adjudication Rule is to provide billing & documentation requirements of foreign body removal procedure from eye.

3. Adjudication Policy

3.1 Eligibility / Coverage Criteria

Foreign body removal procedures from the eye are covered for all health insurance plans administered by Daman

3.2 Requirements for Coverage

ICD and CPT codes must be coded to the highest level of specificity.

3.3 Non-Coverage

Coverage will be limited if not compliant with payment and coding rules.

3.4 Payment and Coding Rules

Please apply regulator payment rules and regulations and relevant coding manuals for ICD, CPT, etc.

Report an ICD code with following information:

1. Type of injury
 - Current
 - Retained
 - Complication of injury or surgical implant
2. Severity of the injury
 - With penetrating wound
 - Cellulitis
 - Infection
3. Location
 - Anterior eye (intraocular/iris/ciliary body/sclera)
 - Conjunctiva
 - Cornea
 - Eyelid
 - Lens

- Orbit
- Posterior eye (vitreous/retina/choroid)
- Lacrimal punctum
- Iris

Report external causes of injury and poisoning codes (E codes) to explain the cause, poisoning, intent and place of occurrence. Use more than one E code if needed to explain completely.

CPT Coding

The provider should choose a CPT code for removal of foreign body from the eye considering all the below:

1. The location of the eye was foreign body is found
 - Anterior eye (intraocular/iris/ciliary body/sclera)
 - Conjunctiva
 - Cornea
 - Eyelid
 - Lens
 - Orbit
 - Posterior eye (vitreous/retina/choroid)
2. Nature of foreign body
 - External cause
 - Surgically implanted
3. Extent (depth) of foreign body penetration
 - Superficial
 - Embedded
4. Method of removal
 - By incision
 - Other methods
5. Use of instrumentation
 - Needle
 - Cotton swab
 - Q tip
 - Slit lamp
 - Tweezers
 - Forceps
 - Spud

Coding multiple foreign body removal CPT codes:

1. Same site:

It is usual to have multiple "foreign bodies" (e.g., wood fragments) on the same site.

Removal of multiple foreign bodies from the same site needs to be reported by one code except if it is an unusual circumstance such as "rust rings".

2. Different site or eye:

Multiple foreign bodies from different sites of the eye can be billed separately provided pre- service, intra-service and post service work is required to be performed which cannot be part of the other CPT code.

Documentation requirements

The medical record must contain all the required documents detailing pre, intra and post service as listed above to support the diagnoses, and the CPT codes claimed.

This should be made available for Daman when required for audit. If the selected ICD or CPT code does not meet the above-mentioned requirements it may be denied.

Foreign body removal CPT & E&M: As per regulator and CPT E&M visit on the same day of minor surgery, unless significant and separately identifiable, cannot be claimed in addition to a CPT code.

Every CPT code includes the pre-service (History and Examination), intra-service (actual procedure) and post-service work (post procedural care) required to perform the service. Significant and separately identifiable E/M can be claimed if the any other service provided is above the pre, intra and post service of the reported CPT code.

Adjudication Examples

Example 1

Question: The following claim is reported by a private provider for a Thiqa card beneficiary:

Category	Code	Description
CPT	65222	Removal foreign body, external eye; corneal, with slit lamp
E/M	99213	Office/outpatient E & M of established

After auditing it is found that slit lamp was not used, and significantly separately identifiable E/M was not performed.

Answer: The claim will be denied.

4. Denial Codes

Code	Code Description
MNEC-003	Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice
MNEC-004	Service is not clinically indicated based on good clinical practice, without additional supporting diagnoses/activities
MNEC-005	Service /supply may be appropriate, but too frequent
CLAI-012	Submission not compliant with contractual agreement between provider and payer
PRCE-002	Payment is included in the allowance for another service

5. Appendices

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