

Medical Policy



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Title: LASIK (laser in situ keratomileusis)

Professional

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DESCRIPTION

LASIK is an outpatient surgical procedure to treat nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. With LASIK, an ophthalmologist uses a microsurgical instrument and a laser to reshape the cornea in the front of the eye. This improves the way the eye focuses light rays onto the retina at the back of the eye.

POLICY

The procedure will be allowed for the diagnosis of anisometropia, per the following:

- a. The patient should be intolerant to contact lenses and that glasses are not a corrective option.
- b. The anisometropia must be an acquired/induced condition with symptoms.
- c. The spherical difference must be at least 3 diopters or cylindrical difference must be at least 2 diopters.

DOCUMENTATION

At a minimum, the medical record should include symptoms, diagnoses, corneal topography, refractive findings, history that includes prior surgery, motility findings and vertical imbalance.

CODING

HCPCS Code

S0800 Laser in situ keratomileusis

DIAGNOSIS

These diagnoses are otherwise subject to medical policy as stated above

367.31 Anisometropia

REVISIONS

Effective 02-15-2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The policy section item c. was liberalized to reflect the spherical difference must be at least 3 diopters <u>or</u> cylindrical difference must be at least 2 diopters. Previously the policy required both.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• References were updated.

REFERENCES

1. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Ophthalmology Liaison Committee, August 26, 1998.
2. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Medical Advisory Committee, November 12, 1998.
3. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Medical Director and Ophthalmology Liaison Committee Chair Consent Ballot, February 15, 2007.
4. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Ophthalmology Liaison Committee, May 9, 2007.
5. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), August 2, 2007.