

Medical Policy



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Title: Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®)

Professional

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DESCRIPTION

The Optomap® Retinal Exam is used by optometrists and ophthalmologists to get a comprehensive view of the retina in order to detect possible abnormalities or signs of disease, and provide early diagnosis and treatment.

The Optomap® is unique in that it gives eye care professionals a much larger view (200 degrees) of your retina than conventional eye exam equipment. The images are taken without dilating your pupils. The Optomap® image is captured in less than a second and is immediately available for doctor and patient to review.

POLICY

Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®) or visual field exam billed with an eye examination code (92002, 92004, 92012, or 92014) with a MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS will be reimbursed separately from the medical eye examination service.

Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®) or visual field exam billed with one of the following eye examination codes (92002, 92004, 92012, or 92014) and a routine ICD-9 diagnosis (for example: V72.0, 367, 367.0, 367.1, 367.2, 367.20, 367.21, 367.32, 367.4, 367.9) is not medically necessary.

CODING

CPT

- 92081 Visual field examination, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report; limited examination (e.g. tangent screen, Autoplot, arc perimeter or single stimulus level automated test, such as Octopus 3 of 7 equivalent)
- 92082 Visual field examination, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report; intermediate examination (e.g. at least 2 isopters on Goldmann perimeter, or semiquantitative, automated suprathreshold screening program, Humphrey suprathreshold automatic diagnostic test, Octopus

- program 33)
- 92083 Visual field examination, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report; extended examination (e.g. Goldmann visual fields with at least 3 isopters plotted and static determination within the central 30°, or quantitative automated threshold perimetry, Octopus program G-1, 32 or 42, Humphrey visual field analyzer full threshold programs 30-2, 24-2, or 30/60-2)
- 92250 Fundus photography with interpretation and report

DIAGNOSIS

Diagnoses are otherwise subject to medical policy as stated above

REVISIONS

<p>August 1, 2005</p>	<p>This guideline was originally posted to the BCBSKS Web site in February 2005 under the category “Not Medically Necessary Services”. On August 1, 2005, we converted the existing guideline into the medical policy format. The content remains unchanged.</p>
<p>August 30, 2006 with effective date of January 1, 2006, NOTE: Published in S-09-05 Blue Shield Report effective 1-1-06.</p>	<p>In “Policy”, section deleted Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®) will be denied as not medically necessary for all screening and diagnostic cases”, and added “Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®) or visual field exam billed with an eye examination code (92002, 92004, 92012, or 92014) with a MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS will be reimbursed separately from the medical eye examination service. Extended Fundus Photography (i.e. Optomap®) or visual field exam billed with one of the following eye examination codes (92002, 92004, 92012, or 92014) and a routine ICD-9 diagnosis (for example: V72.0, 367, 367.0, 367.1, 367.2, 367.20, 367.21, 367.32, 367.4, 367.9) is not medically necessary.” at Medical Director’s request.</p> <p>In “Coding”, CPT section deleted 92499 and added 92250, at Medical Director’s request.</p> <p>In “Reference” added ‘Blue Shield Report, December 13, 2005, S-09-05’ at Medical Director’s request.</p>

REFERENCES

1. Determined by the Optometric Liaison committee on May 27, 2004 and approved by the Medical Advisory Committee in August 2004.
2. Blue Shield Report, December 13, 2005, S-09-05.