

# Blue Shield Report

A Newsletter for  
Professional Providers and  
their Staff Members

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## Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)

August 8, 2002

### General Information From MAC (August 8, 2002)

Changes resulting from the second session for MAC in 2002 will be effective November 1, 2002. You will find this newsletter arranged in chronological order according to liaison dates.

## Assistant at Surgery Not Medically Necessary

The following procedure codes are considered not medically necessary for an assistant at surgery.

- 67225
- 93622
- 0016T
- 0017T

## Cardiology Liaison (May 8, 2002)

### Coronary Magnetic Resonance Angiography

Coronary Magnetic Resonance Angiography is considered experimental/investigational.<sup>1</sup>

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## Ophthalmology Liaison (May 22, 2002)

### Blepharoplasty and Blepharoptosis

Blepharoptosis is no longer considered content of service with Blepharoplasty and may be billed simultaneously.

### Diagnosis Codes for Contacts, Glasses, and Lenses

An initial pair of eyeglasses, frames, and lenses (or contact lenses) are reimbursed only when surgery for age related, congenital, or traumatic cataracts has been performed to correct visual defects resulting from aphakia or pseudophakia. Reimbursement will only be made for the following diagnoses:

- 379.31 Aphakia
- V43.1 Organ or tissue replaced by other means (lens) pseudophakos
- 743.35 Traumatic or congenital aphakia

NOTE: Regarding diagnosis 743.35, BCBSKS allows for eyeglasses, frames and lenses, or contact lenses in children through 12 years of age. Medical records are needed to process the claim.

**NOTE: These guidelines are not applicable to vision rider contracts.**

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<sup>i</sup> Procedures that are experimental/investigational require a waiver signed by the patient prior to the service, acknowledging the patient will be financially responsible for the service rendered. In absence of a waiver, the service is considered a provider write-off.