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Fact Sheet: Appropriate Billing for Optiwave Refractive Analysis or ORA System™ During Cataract Surgery

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What is ORA?

Optiwave Refractive Analysis or ORA System™ provides surgeons with real-time measurements.

Three Scenarios When You Can Charge Patients for ORA

As a non-covered procedure, it is appropriate to charge patients out-of-pocket only in these three scenarios:

1. Part of the premium IOL package
2. Patient had given consent to a premium IOL, but, intraoperatively, the surgeon had to convert to a standard IOL (rare)
3. Post-refractive cases

Facts You Need to Know About Billing for ORA

The Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) is not required for Medicare Part B patients.

Practices should develop their own written explanation and associated costs for patients to sign an agreement.

Scenarios 2 and 3 are expected to be unusual rather than routine.

Patients file complaints for inappropriate billing to the Academy's Ethics department as well as to Medicare contractors and commercial payers.

Incorrect billing is a violation of payer contracts and can be perceived as defrauding beneficiaries.