

Local Coverage Article: Glaucoma Screening (A53495)

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Contractor Information

| Contractor Name | Contract Type | Contract Number | Jurisdiction | State(s) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Palmetto GBA | A and B MAC | 10112 - MAC B | J - J | Alabama |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B MAC | 10212 - MAC B | J - J | Georgia |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B MAC | 10312 - MAC B | J - J | Tennessee |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B and HHH MAC | 11202 - MAC B | J - M | South Carolina |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B and HHH MAC | 11302 - MAC B | J - M | Virginia |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B and HHH MAC | 11402 - MAC B | J - M | West Virginia |
| Palmetto GBA | A and B and HHH MAC | 11502 - MAC B | J - M | North Carolina |

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Article Information

General Information

Article ID

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[A53485](#)**Article Title**

Glaucoma Screening

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

Medicare coverage of glaucoma screenings was implemented with the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (BIPA).

A glaucoma screening is defined to include:

- A dilated eye examination with an intraocular pressure (IOP) measurement
- A direct ophthalmoscopy examination or a slit-lamp biomicroscopic examination

Medicare covers glaucoma screening for the following persons considered to be at high risk for developing this disease:

- Individuals with diabetes mellitus
- Individuals with a family history of glaucoma
- African-Americans age 50 or over
- Hispanics-Americans 65 or older

Glaucoma screening frequency limitations and payment information:

- Medicare pays for this service annually (i.e., at least 11 full months must have passed following the month in which the last Medicare-covered glaucoma screening examination was performed)

Services rendered more frequently than allowed under this screening benefit may require that the beneficiary be given an Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN)

- The beneficiary will pay 20 percent as the co-payment or coinsurance after meeting the yearly Part B deductible

Medical record documentation requirements:

- Medical record documentation to support that the beneficiary is a member of one of the high risk groups, as defined above

- Documentation must support one of the screening defined:
 - A dilated eye examination with IOP measurement and direct ophthalmoscopic examination, or a slit-lamp biomicroscopic examination

Procedure and Diagnosis Code Information:

| HCPCS Codes | HCPCS Code Descriptors/Modifier | Diagnosis Code |
|--------------------|---|---|
| G0117 | Glaucoma screening for high risk patient furnished by an optometrist or ophthalmologist | Z13.5 (Encounter for Screening for Eye and Ear Disorders) |
| G0118 | Glaucoma screening for high risk patient furnished under the direct supervision of optometrist or ophthalmologist | Z13.5 (Encounter for Screening for Eye and Ear Disorders) |

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Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

Revenue Codes:

Contractors may specify Revenue Codes to help providers identify those Revenue Codes typically used to report this service. In most instances Revenue Codes are purely advisory. Unless specified in the article, services reported under other Revenue Codes are equally subject to this coverage determination. Complete absence of all Revenue Codes indicates that coverage is not influenced by Revenue Code and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all Revenue Codes.

N/A

CPT/HCPCS Codes
Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

Group 1 Codes:

| Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code | Group 1 CPT/HCPCS Code Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| G0117 | GLAUCOMA SCREENING FOR HIGH RISK PATIENTS FURNISHED BY AN OPTOMETRIST OR OPHTHALMOLOGIST |
| G0118 | GLAUCOMA SCREENING FOR HIGH RISK PATIENT FURNISHED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN OPTOMETRIST OR OPHTHALMOLOGIST |

ICD-10 Codes that are Covered
Group 1 Paragraph: N/A

Group 1 Codes:

ICD-10 Codes that are covered Information Table

| Code | Description |
|-------|---|
| Z13.5 | Encounter for screening for eye and ear disorders |

ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered N/A[Back to Top](#)

Revision History Information

| Revision History Date | Revision History Number | Revision History Explanation |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 02/26/2018 | R4 | The Jurisdiction "J" Part B Contracts for Alabama (10112), Georgia (10212) and Tennessee (10312) are now being serviced by Palmetto GBA. Effective 02/26/18, these three contract numbers are being added to this article. No coverage, coding or other substantive changes (beyond the addition of the 3 Part B contract numbers) have been completed in this revision. |
| 04/14/2016 | R3 | Under Article Text changed "and" to "or" in the 5th and 6th bullet and corrected grammatical errors. |
| 10/01/2015 | R2 | Under Associated Documents , Statutory Requirements, added the web site links to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act §1862(a)(1)(A) and Title XVIII of the Social Security Act §1833(e). |
| 10/01/2015 | R1 | Added HCPCS/ICD-10 codes from Article Text to the HCPCS/ICD-10 Coding section. |

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