



## Call Center information for new denial codes of Ancillary Medical Optometry procedure codes

### Summary

Effective 10/1/16, the following Medical Optometry Ancillary procedure codes 92081, 92082, 92133, 92250, or 92020 will be denied when the following combinations of procedure codes are submitted for the same patient on the same date of service:

92081 will be denied if submitted on the same day as procedure code 92082

92082 will be denied if submitted on the same day as procedure code 92083

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92133 will be denied if submitted on the same day as procedure code 92134

92250 be denied if submitted on the same day as procedure code 92133

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92020 be denied if submitted on the same day as procedure code 92285

The denial logic is based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiatives.

### Provider Inquiries and responses

If a provider contacts the call center to request additional information regarding the denial, below are the denial explanations for provider education.

#### Denial of Codes 92081 92082 92083 when submitted together

Procedure codes 92081, 92082 or 92083 indicate that a visual field exam was performed. Multiple submissions of the same service are not allowed. A provider is only allowed to bill for one of these exams on the same date of service. **The denial cannot be overturned and the provider cannot resubmit or appeal. The the denial is based on Medicare guidelines.** If the provider requires a further detailed response, procedure codes 92081, 92082 and 92083 are procedures for a visual field examinations.

92081 is a limited exam

92082 is an intermediate examination and

92083 is a comprehensive exam

#### Denial of codes 92133 when submitted with a 92134 together

Procedure codes 92133 or 92134 indicate a scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic image performed. If a provider submits both a 92133 and a 92134 for the same patient, the 92133 will deny. The 92133 code is denied and only one code is allowed to be paid because they are the same procedure, scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic image. **The denial cannot be overturned and the provider cannot resubmit or appeal. The denial is based on Medicare guidelines.**

#### Denial of Codes 92250 when submitted with procedures 92133 or 92134

Procedure code 92250 indicates an image or photo of the eye was performed. If a provider submits a 92550 for the same patient with either procedure code 92133 or 92134, the 92250 is denied as inclusive. The procedure codes 92133/34 are images/photos of the eyes and 92250 indicates Fundus photography. Based on correct coding guidelines, the 92250 is considered inclusive to 92134 or 92133; they all indicate an image/photo of the eye. **The provider can appeal 92250 as separate from 92133 or 92134. The provider appeal must demonstrate medical necessity. The provider must submit medical**



**records to prove medical necessity for performing 92250 on the same day as 92133 or 92134. If the appeal is approved, the provider must submit a corrected claim with an appropriate modifier.**

**Denial of code 92020 when submitted with 92285 explanation**

Procedure code 92020 indicates a Gonioscopy was performed. If a provider submits a 92020 when submitted for the same patient with a 92285, External Ocular Photography, the 92020 is denied as inclusive. The denial is based on Medicare guidelines, 92020 Gonioscopy is a component of External Ocular Photography. The External Ocular Photography includes close up photography, slit lamp photography, *goniophotography*, and stereo-photography. **The provider can appeal 92020 as separate from 92285. The provider appeal must show medical necessity. The provider must submit medical records to prove medical necessity for performing 92020 on the same day as 92285. If the provider is appeal is approved, the provider must submit a corrected claim with an appropriate modifier.**