

## Clinical Policy: Gonioscopy

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### Description

Gonioscopy involves using a concave contact lens in conjunction with oblique mirrors to view the iridocorneal angle. This policy describes the medical necessity requirements for gonioscopy.

### Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of WellCare of North Carolina® that gonioscopy is medically necessary for the following indications:
  - A. Glaucoma;
  - B. Glaucoma suspect;
  - C. Ocular trauma;
  - D. Hyphema;
  - E. Hypotony;
  - F. Occlusive disorders;
  - G. Diabetic retinopathy;
  - H. Rubeosis;
  - I. Intraocular foreign body; **or**
  - J. Subluxated or dislocated lens.

### Background

The angle of the anterior chamber of the eye is examined in a gonioscopy to assess for angle closure glaucoma, iris neovascularization, or other injury or disease process in the anterior chamber. Since the cornea's curvature creates internal reflection when the anterior angle structures are viewed directly, a gonioscopic lens is used to observe the angle. Corneal integrity is first determined using fluorescein. The patient is given anesthesia, the goniolens is prepared, and the physician places it on the patient's cornea. The lens puts a concave surface against the cornea, eliminating its refracting surface and allowing the angle to be observed with oblique mirrors. With the illumination lamp and microscope set and the beam oriented parallel to the axis of the mirror, the gonioscopy is accomplished and the angle of the anterior chamber of the eye is examined. The lens is removed, the eye is irrigated, and the cornea is checked again.

Gonioscopy of both eyes should be performed on all patients in whom angle closure is suspected to evaluate the angle anatomy, appositional closure, and presence of peripheral anterior synechia (PAS). Compression (indentation) gonioscopy with a four-mirror or similar lens is particularly

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helpful to determine if visible appositional closure is actually permanent, synechial closure and, if so, for the extent of such PAS.

Gonioscopy should be performed in a dark room with a bright, short (approximately 1 mm in length) beam that does not pass through the pupil to avoid inducing pupillary constriction, which can widen the angle. Gonioscopic visualization of the angle may be impaired secondary to corneal edema in the setting of acute angle-closure glaucoma. Topical glycerin may be used to clear the cornea to obtain a better view.

The diagnosis of primary open angle glaucoma requires careful evaluation of the anterior chamber angle to exclude angle closure or secondary causes of intraocular pressure (IOP) elevation, such as angle recession, pigment dispersion, peripheral anterior synechiae, angle neovascularization, and inflammatory precipitates.

#### Coding Implications

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CPT® Codes	Description
92020	Gonioscopy

HCPCS® Codes	Description
No applicable codes.	

#### ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes that Support Coverage Criteria

+ Indicates a code(s) requiring an additional character

ICD-10- CM Code	Description
E08.3211	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E08.3212	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E08.3213	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E08.3291	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E08.3292	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye

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E08.3293	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E08.3311	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
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E08.3313	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E08.3391	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E08.3392	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E08.3393	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E08.3411	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E08.3412	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E08.3413	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E08.3491	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E08.3492	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E08.3493	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E08.3511	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E08.3512	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E08.3513	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E08.3521	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E08.3522	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E08.3523	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral
E08.3531	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye

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E08.3532	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E08.3533	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E08.3541	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye
E08.3542	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E08.3543	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E08.3551	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E08.3552	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E08.3553	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E08.3591	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E08.3592	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E08.3593	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E08.37X1	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, right eye
E08.37X2	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, left eye
E08.37X3	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, bilateral
E09.3211	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E09.3212	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E09.3213	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E09.3291	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
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E09.3393	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E09.3411	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E09.3412	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E09.3413	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E09.3491	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E09.3492	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E09.3493	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E09.3511	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
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E09.3513	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E09.3521	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E09.3522	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
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E09.3543	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E09.3551	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E09.3552	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E09.3553	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E09.3591	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
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E09.3593	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E09.37X1	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, right eye
E09.37X2	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, left eye
E09.37X3	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, bilateral
E10.3211	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3212	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3213	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E10.3291	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3292	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye



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E10.3293	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.3311	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3312	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3313	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
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E10.3392	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
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E10.3411	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3412	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3413	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E10.3491	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3492	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3493	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.3511	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
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E10.3521	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E10.3522	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E10.3523	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral
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E10.3532	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E10.3533	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E10.3541	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye
E10.3542	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E10.3543	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E10.3551	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E10.3552	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E10.3553	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E10.3591	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3592	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3593	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.37X1	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, right eye
E10.37X2	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, left eye
E10.37X3	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, bilateral
E11.3211	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E11.3212	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E11.3213	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3291	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3292	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3293	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.3311	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E11.3312	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye



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E11.3313	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3391	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3392	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3393	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.3411	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
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E11.3413	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3491	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3492	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3493	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.3511	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E11.3512	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E11.3513	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3521	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E11.3522	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E11.3523	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral
E11.3531	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye
E11.3532	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E11.3533	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E11.3541	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye

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E11.3542	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E11.3543	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E11.3551	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E11.3552	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E11.3553	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E11.3591	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3592	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3593	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.37X1	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, right eye
E11.37X2	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, left eye
E11.37X3	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, bilateral
E13.3211	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E13.3212	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E13.3213	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E13.3291	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E13.3292	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E13.3293	Other specified diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E13.3311	Other specified diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E13.3312	Other specified diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
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E13.3391	Other specified diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E13.3392	Other specified diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye

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E13.3393	Other specified diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E13.3411	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E13.3412	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E13.3413	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E13.3491	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E13.3492	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E13.3493	Other specified diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E13.3511	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E13.3512	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E13.3513	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E13.3521	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E13.3522	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E13.3523	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral
E13.3531	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye
E13.3532	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E13.3533	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E13.3541	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye
E13.3542	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E13.3543	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral

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E13.3551	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E13.3552	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E13.3553	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E13.3591	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E13.3592	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E13.3593	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E13.37X1	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, right eye
E13.37X2	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, left eye
E13.37X3	Other specified diabetes mellitus with diabetic macular edema, resolved following treatment, bilateral
H20.011	Primary iridocyclitis right eye
H20.012	Primary iridocyclitis left eye
H20.013	Primary iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.021	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis right eye
H20.022	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis left eye
H20.023	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.031	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis right eye
H20.032	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis left eye
H20.033	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.041	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis right eye
H20.042	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis left eye
H20.043	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.051	Hypopyon right eye
H20.052	Hypopyon left eye
H20.053	Hypopyon bilateral
H20.11	Chronic iridocyclitis right eye
H20.12	Chronic iridocyclitis left eye
H20.13	Chronic iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.21	Lens-induced iridocyclitis right eye
H20.22	Lens-induced iridocyclitis left eye
H20.23	Lens-induced iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.811	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis right eye
H20.812	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis left eye

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H20.813	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis bilateral
H20.821	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome right eye
H20.822	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome left eye
H20.823	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome bilateral
H21.01	Hyphema right eye
H21.02	Hyphema left eye
H21.03	Hyphema bilateral
H21.1X1	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body right eye
H21.1X2	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body left eye
H21.1X3	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body bilateral
H21.211	Degeneration of chamber angle right eye
H21.212	Degeneration of chamber angle left eye
H21.213	Degeneration of chamber angle bilateral
H21.221	Degeneration of ciliary body right eye
H21.222	Degeneration of ciliary body left eye
H21.223	Degeneration of ciliary body bilateral
H21.231	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) right eye
H21.232	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) left eye
H21.233	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) bilateral
H21.241	Degeneration of pupillary margin right eye
H21.242	Degeneration of pupillary margin left eye
H21.243	Degeneration of pupillary margin bilateral
H21.251	Iridoschisis right eye
H21.252	Iridoschisis left eye
H21.253	Iridoschisis bilateral
H21.261	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) right eye
H21.262	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) left eye
H21.263	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) bilateral
H21.271	Miotic pupillary cyst right eye
H21.272	Miotic pupillary cyst left eye
H21.273	Miotic pupillary cyst bilateral
H21.531	Iridodialysis, right eye
H21.532	Iridodialysis, left eye
H21.533	Iridodialysis, bilateral
H27.01	Aphakia right eye
H27.02	Aphakia left eye
H27.03	Aphakia bilateral
H27.111	Subluxation of lens right eye
H27.112	Subluxation of lens left eye
H27.113	Subluxation of lens bilateral

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H27.121	Anterior dislocation of lens right eye
H27.122	Anterior dislocation of lens left eye
H27.123	Anterior dislocation of lens bilateral
H27.131	Posterior dislocation of lens right eye
H27.132	Posterior dislocation of lens left eye
H27.133	Posterior dislocation of lens bilateral
H34.01	Transient retinal artery occlusion, right eye
H34.02	Transient retinal artery occlusion, left eye
H34.03	Transient retinal artery occlusion, bilateral
H34.11	Central retinal artery occlusion, right eye
H34.12	Central retinal artery occlusion, left eye
H34.13	Central retinal artery occlusion, bilateral
H34.211	Partial retinal artery occlusion, right eye
H34.212	Partial retinal artery occlusion, left eye
H34.213	Partial retinal artery occlusion, bilateral
H34.231	Retinal artery branch occlusion, right eye
H34.232	Retinal artery branch occlusion, left eye
H34.233	Retinal artery branch occlusion, bilateral
H34.8110	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with macular edema
H34.8111	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8112	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, stable
H34.8120	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with macular edema
H34.8121	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye with retinal neovascularization
H34.8122	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye, stable
H34.8130	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with macular edema
H34.8131	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8132	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, stable
H34.821	Venous engorgement, right eye
H34.822	Venous engorgement, left eye
H34.823	Venous engorgement, bilateral
H34.8310	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with macular edema
H34.8311	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8312	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, stable
H34.8320	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with macular edema
H34.8321	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8322	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, stable
H34.8330	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with macular edema
H34.8331	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8332	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, stable
H35.011	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, right eye



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H35.012	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, left eye
H35.013	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, bilateral
H35.021	Exudative retinopathy, right eye
H35.022	Exudative retinopathy, left eye
H35.023	Exudative retinopathy, bilateral
H35.031	Hypertensive retinopathy, right eye
H35.032	Hypertensive retinopathy, left eye
H35.033	Hypertensive retinopathy, bilateral
H35.041	Retinal micro-aneurysms, unspecified, right eye
H35.042	Retinal micro-aneurysms, unspecified, left eye
H35.043	Retinal micro-aneurysms, unspecified, bilateral
H35.051	Retinal neovascularization, unspecified, right eye
H35.052	Retinal neovascularization, unspecified, left eye
H35.053	Retinal neovascularization, unspecified, bilateral
H35.061	Retinal vasculitis, right eye
H35.062	Retinal vasculitis, left eye
H35.063	Retinal vasculitis, bilateral
H35.071	Retinal telangiectasis, right eye
H35.072	Retinal telangiectasis, left eye
H35.073	Retinal telangiectasis, bilateral
H35.09	Other intraretinal microvascular abnormalities
H40.011	Open angle with borderline findings, low risk, right eye
H40.012	Open angle with borderline findings, low risk, left eye
H40.013	Open angle with borderline findings, low risk, bilateral
H40.021	Open angle with borderline findings, high risk, right eye
H40.022	Open angle with borderline findings, high risk, left eye
H40.023	Open angle with borderline findings, high risk, bilateral
H40.031	Anatomical narrow angle, right eye
H40.032	Anatomical narrow angle, left eye
H40.033	Anatomical narrow angle, bilateral
H40.041	Steroid responder, right eye
H40.042	Steroid responder, left eye
H40.043	Steroid responder, bilateral
H40.051	Ocular hypertension, right eye
H40.052	Ocular hypertension, left eye
H40.053	Ocular hypertension, bilateral
H40.061	Primary angle closure without glaucoma damage, right eye
H40.062	Primary angle closure without glaucoma damage, left eye
H40.063	Primary angle closure without glaucoma damage, bilateral
H40.1111	Primary open-angle glaucoma, right eye, mild stage

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H40.1112	Primary open-angle glaucoma, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1113	Primary open-angle glaucoma, right eye, severe stage
H40.1121	Primary open-angle glaucoma, left eye, mild stage
H40.1122	Primary open-angle glaucoma, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1123	Primary open-angle glaucoma, left eye, severe stage
H40.1131	Primary open-angle glaucoma, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1132	Primary open-angle glaucoma, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1133	Primary open-angle glaucoma, bilateral, severe stage
H40.1211	Low-tension glaucoma, right eye, mild stage
H40.1212	Low-tension glaucoma, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1213	Low-tension glaucoma, right eye, severe stage
H40.1221	Low-tension glaucoma, left eye, mild stage
H40.1222	Low-tension glaucoma, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1223	Low-tension glaucoma, left eye, severe stage
H40.1231	Low-tension glaucoma, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1232	Low-tension glaucoma, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1233	Low-tension glaucoma, bilateral, severe stage
H40.1311	Pigmentary glaucoma, right eye, mild stage
H40.1312	Pigmentary glaucoma, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1313	Pigmentary glaucoma, right eye, severe stage
H40.1321	Pigmentary glaucoma, left eye, mild stage
H40.1322	Pigmentary glaucoma, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1323	Pigmentary glaucoma, left eye, severe stage
H40.1331	Pigmentary glaucoma, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1332	Pigmentary glaucoma, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1333	Pigmentary glaucoma, bilateral, severe stage
H40.1411	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, mild stage
H40.1412	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1413	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, severe stage
H40.1421	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, mild stage
H40.1422	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1423	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, severe stage
H40.1431	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1432	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1433	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, severe stage
H40.151	Residual stage of open-angle glaucoma, right eye
H40.152	Residual stage of open-angle glaucoma, left eye
H40.153	Residual stage of open-angle glaucoma, bilateral
H40.211	Acute angle-closure glaucoma, right eye
H40.212	Acute angle-closure glaucoma, left eye

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H40.213	Acute angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral
H40.2211	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, right eye, mild stage
H40.2212	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, right eye, moderate stage
H40.2213	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, right eye, severe stage
H40.2221	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, left eye, mild stage
H40.2222	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, left eye, moderate stage
H40.2223	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, left eye, severe stage
H40.2231	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral, mild stage
H40.2232	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.2233	Chronic angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral, severe stage
H40.231	Intermittent angle-closure glaucoma, right eye
H40.232	Intermittent angle-closure glaucoma, left eye
H40.233	Intermittent angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral
H40.241	Residual stage of angle-closure glaucoma, right eye
H40.242	Residual stage of angle-closure glaucoma, left eye
H40.243	Residual stage of angle-closure glaucoma, bilateral
H40.31X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, right eye, mild stage
H40.31X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, right eye, moderate stage
H40.31X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, right eye, severe stage
H40.32X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, left eye, mild stage
H40.32X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, left eye, moderate stage
H40.32X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, left eye, severe stage
H40.33X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, bilateral, mild stage
H40.33X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.33X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye trauma, bilateral, severe stage
H40.41X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, right eye, mild stage
H40.41X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, right eye moderate stage
H40.41X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, right eye, severe stage
H40.42X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation left eye mild stage
H40.42X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, left eye, moderate stage
H40.42X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation left eye severe stage
H40.43X1	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, bilateral, mild stage
H40.43X2	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation bilateral moderate stage
H40.43X3	Glaucoma secondary to eye inflammation, bilateral, severe stage
H40.51X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, mild stage
H40.51X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, moderate stage
H40.51X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, severe stage
H40.52X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, mild stage
H40.52X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, moderate stage
H40.52X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, severe stage

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H40.53X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, mild stage
H40.53X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.53X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, severe stage
H40.61X1	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, right eye, mild stage
H40.61X2	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, right eye, moderate stage
H40.61X3	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, right eye, severe stage
H40.62X1	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, left eye, mild stage
H40.62X2	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, left eye, moderate stage
H40.62X3	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, left eye, severe stage
H40.63X1	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, bilateral, mild stage
H40.63X2	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.63X3	Glaucoma secondary to drugs, bilateral, severe stage
H40.811	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, right eye
H40.812	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, left eye
H40.813	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, bilateral
H40.821	Hypersecretion glaucoma, right eye
H40.822	Hypersecretion glaucoma, left eye
H40.823	Hypersecretion glaucoma, bilateral
H40.831	Aqueous misdirection, right eye
H40.832	Aqueous misdirection, left eye
H40.833	Aqueous misdirection, bilateral
H44.411	Flat anterior chamber hypotony of right eye
H44.412	Flat anterior chamber hypotony of left eye
H44.413	Flat anterior chamber hypotony bilateral
H44.421	Hypotony of right eye due to ocular fistula
H44.422	Hypotony of left eye due to ocular fistula
H44.423	Hypotony of bilateral eyes due to ocular fistula
H44.431	Hypotony of right eye due to other ocular disorders
H44.432	Hypotony of left eye due to other ocular disorders
H44.433	Hypotony of eye due to other ocular disorders, bilateral
H44.441	Primary hypotony of right eye
H44.442	Primary hypotony of left eye
H44.443	Primary hypotony bilateral
H44.601	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body, magnetic, right eye
H44.602	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body, magnetic, left eye
H44.603	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body, magnetic bilateral
H44.701	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body nonmagnetic right eye
H44.702	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body nonmagnetic left eye
H44.703	Unspecified retained (old) intraocular foreign body nonmagnetic bilateral
Q15.0	Congenital glaucoma

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S05.11XA	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, initial encounter
S05.11XD	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, subsequent encounter
S05.11XS	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, sequela
S05.12XA	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, left eye, initial encounter
S05.12XD	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, left eye, subsequent encounter
S05.12XS	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, sequela
S05.51XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball initial encounter
S05.51XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.51XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball sequela
S05.52XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball initial encounter
S05.52XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.52XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball sequela
S05.61XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye initial encounter
S05.61XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye subsequent encounter
S05.61XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye sequela
S05.62XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye initial encounter
S05.62XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye subsequent encounter
S05.62XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye sequela

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### **North Carolina Guidance**

#### *Eligibility Requirements*

- a. An eligible beneficiary shall be enrolled in the NC Medicaid Program (Medicaid is NC Medicaid program, unless context clearly indicates otherwise);
- b. Provider(s) shall verify each Medicaid beneficiary's eligibility each time a service is rendered.
- c. The Medicaid beneficiary may have service restrictions due to their eligibility category that would make them ineligible for this service.

#### *EPSDT Special Provision: Exception to Policy Limitations for a Medicaid Beneficiary under 21 Years of Age*

- a. 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r) [1905(r) of the Social Security Act]  
Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) is a federal Medicaid requirement that requires the state Medicaid agency to cover services, products, or procedures for Medicaid beneficiary under 21 years of age if the service is medically necessary health care to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition [health problem] identified through a screening examination (includes any evaluation by a physician or other licensed practitioner).

This means EPSDT covers most of the medical or remedial care a child needs to improve or maintain his or her health in the best condition possible, compensate for a health problem, prevent it from worsening, or prevent the development of additional health problems.

Medically necessary services will be provided in the most economic mode, as long as the treatment made available is similarly efficacious to the service requested by the beneficiary's physician, therapist, or other licensed practitioner; the determination process does not delay the delivery of the needed service; and the determination does not limit the beneficiary's right to a free choice of providers.

EPSDT does not require the state Medicaid agency to provide any service, product or procedure:

1. that is unsafe, ineffective, or experimental or investigational.
2. that is not medical in nature or not generally recognized as an accepted method of medical practice or treatment.

Service limitations on scope, amount, duration, frequency, location of service, and other specific criteria described in clinical coverage policies may be exceeded or may not apply as long as the provider's documentation shows that the requested service is medically necessary



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“to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, or a condition” [health problem]; that is, provider documentation shows how the service, product, or procedure meets all EPSDT criteria, including to correct or improve or maintain the beneficiary’s health in the best condition possible, compensate for a health problem, prevent it from worsening, or prevent the development of additional health problems.

#### **EPSDT and Prior Approval Requirements**

1. If the service, product, or procedure requires prior approval, the fact that the beneficiary is under 21 years of age does NOT eliminate the requirement for prior approval.
2. **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** about EPSDT and prior approval is found in the *NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide*, and on the EPSDT provider page. The Web addresses are specified below:

*NCTracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide:*

<https://www.nctracks.nc.gov/content/public/providers/provider-manuals.html>

*EPSDT provider page:* <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>

#### *Provider(s) Eligible to Bill for the Procedure, Product, or Service*

To be eligible to bill for the procedure, product, or service related to this policy, the provider(s) shall:

- a. meet Medicaid qualifications for participation;
- b. have a current and signed Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Provider Administrative Participation Agreement; and
- c. bill only for procedures, products, and services that are within the scope of their clinical practice, as defined by the appropriate licensing entity.

#### *Compliance*

Provider(s) shall comply with the following in effect at the time the service is rendered:

- a. All applicable agreements, federal, state and local laws and regulations including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and record retention requirements; and
- b. All NC Medicaid’s clinical (medical) coverage policies, guidelines, policies, provider manuals, implementation updates, and bulletins published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), DHHS, DHHS division(s) or fiscal contractor(s).

#### *Claims-Related Information*

Provider(s) shall comply with the NC Tracks Provider Claims and Billing Assistance Guide, Medicaid bulletins, fee schedules, NC Medicaid’s clinical coverage policies and any other relevant documents for specific coverage and reimbursement for Medicaid:

- a. Claim Type - as applicable to the service provided:  
Professional (CMS-1500/837P transaction)  
Institutional (UB-04/837I transaction)  
Unless directed otherwise, Institutional Claims must be billed according to the National Uniform Billing Guidelines. All claims must comply with National Coding Guidelines.
- b. International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revisions, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) and Procedural Coding System (PCS) - Provider(s) shall report the ICD-10-CM and Procedural Coding System (PCS) to the highest level of

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specificity that supports medical necessity. Provider(s) shall use the current ICD-10 edition and any subsequent editions in effect at the time of service. Provider(s) shall refer to the applicable edition for code description, as it is no longer documented in the policy.

- c. Code(s) - Provider(s) shall report the most specific billing code that accurately and completely describes the procedure, product or service provided. Provider(s) shall use the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), and UB-04 Data Specifications Manual (for a complete listing of valid revenue codes) and any subsequent editions in effect at the time of service. Provider(s) shall refer to the applicable edition for the code description, as it is no longer documented in the policy. If no such specific CPT or HCPCS code exists, then the provider(s) shall report the procedure, product or service using the appropriate unlisted procedure or service code.

#### *Unlisted Procedure or Service*

CPT: The provider(s) shall refer to and comply with the Instructions for Use of the CPT Codebook, Unlisted Procedure or Service, and Special Report as documented in the current CPT in effect at the time of service.

HCPCS: The provider(s) shall refer to and comply with the Instructions For Use of HCPCS National Level II codes, Unlisted Procedure or Service and Special Report as documented in the current HCPCS edition in effect at the time of service

- d. Modifiers - Providers shall follow applicable modifier guidelines.
- e. Billing Units - Provider(s) shall report the appropriate code(s) used which determines the billing unit(s).
- f. Co-payments -  
For Medicaid refer to Medicaid State Plan:  
<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/get-involved/nc-health-choice-state-plan>
- g. Reimbursement - Provider(s) shall bill their usual and customary charges. For a schedule of rates, refer to: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>.

### **Important Reminder**

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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decisions and the administration of benefits are subject to all terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the coverage documents (e.g., evidence of coverage, certificate of coverage, policy, contract of insurance, etc.), as well as to state and federal requirements and applicable Health Plan-level administrative policies and procedures.

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