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2017 Performance Recognition Program Comprehensive Diabetes Care: Retinal Eye Exam

For Blue Cross Medicare Plus BlueSM PPO, BCN
HMOSM (commercial), and BCN AdvantageSM

Frequently asked questions

Is there a plan goal for payment for the Retinal Eye Care measure or does the measure remain flat fee for the 2017 Performance Recognition Program?

This measure is a flat payment. For every member that has met the measure, the primary care physician will be reimbursed \$25.

What type of documentation is required in the medical record for this measure to be met?

The PCP needs a copy of the eye exam or a letter from the eye care professional to enter the service in Health e-BlueSM.

What information is required in Health e-Blue if the PCP is entering the service in Health e-Blue?

The physician needs the date of service and the result of the exam. The result is either positive or negative. In Health e-Blue, use the dropdown box to the right of the Service sub-type to pick the positive or negative result. If the result states "unknown results," you'll need to add a new service and re-enter the date of service and the result.

How does the physician submit reporting codes on a claim that will close this measure through administrative data?

When you receive the eye exam report for a diabetic patient from an eye care professional, review the report, place it in the patient's medical record and, for all appropriate codes, submit a \$.01 claim with one or more of these CPT Category II codes:

- CPT 2022F: Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed.
- CPT 2024F: Seven standard field stereoscopic photos with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist, documented and reviewed.
- CPT 2026F: Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from seven standard field stereoscopic photo results documented and reviewed.
- CPT 3072F: Low risk for retinopathy (no evidence of retinopathy in the prior year).

If the primary care physician performs the service (using RetinaVue™ or some other device), can he or she bill for the service and receive the PRP incentive?

Yes, the service may be reimbursed. The incentive is paid after the test is completed and the gap is closed. A PCP reporting *92250 for this service needs to designate a diagnosis of diabetes on the claim to indicate the test is a screening for diabetic retinopathy.

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