OVERVIEW
External ocular photography can be used to document the progress or deterioration of certain conditions of the external structures of the eye.

MEDICAL CRITERIA
Not applicable

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
Not applicable

POLICY STATEMENT
BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products
External photography, including but not limited to Close-Up Photography, Slit Lamp Photography, Goniophotography, Stereo-Photography are not separately reimbursed.

COVERAGE
Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage, or Subscriber Agreement for applicable Vision Care Services benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND
External ocular photography can be used to document the progress or deterioration of certain conditions of the external structures of the eye including the eyelids, lashes, sclerae, conjunctiva, and cornea. It may also be used to document progress and deterioration of structures of the anterior chamber including the iris and filtration angle. These photographs are commonly made using slit lamp photography, goniophotography, stereophotography, or close-up photography. Regardless of the technique used for the picture taking, the pictures may be stored as prints, slides, videotape, or digital medium.

External ocular photography is clinically useful for tracking slowly progressive conditions over prolonged periods of time, where it may be impractical to document progression with hand drawings due to the need to document fine detail, especially where there is a lack of anatomic landmarks.

CODING
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The following CPT code is not separately reimbursed.
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RELATED POLICIES
Not applicable

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REFERENCES