

Medical Coverage Policy



**Blue Cross
Blue Shield**
of Rhode Island

Multifocal/Accommodating Intraocular Lens

Device/Equipment Drug Medical Surgery Test Other

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Prospective review is recommended/required. Please check the member agreement for preauthorization guidelines.

Prospective review is not required.

Description:

Intraocular lenses (IOL) are permanent, artificial lenses that are surgically implanted in the eye to replace or supplement the crystalline lens of the eye. Prescription intraocular lenses are used following cataract surgery to restore vision. IOLs are also used in several types of refractive eye surgery, such as clear lens extraction (CLE) and implantable contact lens (ICL) surgery.

Most intraocular lenses implanted following cataract surgery are monofocal, which means the prescription is set for clear vision at one distance, usually long distance. Multifocal/accommodating lenses provide near, intermediate, and distance vision, usually without glasses.

Medical Criteria:

Not applicable.

Policy:

Multifocal/accommodating intraocular lenses are considered **not medically necessary** following cataract surgery as no superior medical benefit has been demonstrated over conventional intraocular lenses.

Refractive surgeries that use intraocular lenses are considered cosmetic and are a **contract exclusion**.

Coverage:

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

Codes:

There is no code specific to multifocal/accommodating lenses.

The following codes are used for conventional intraocular lenses.

**V2630
V2631
V2632**

The following code is effective April 1, 2012 and is not covered:

S0596

Also Known As:

Accommodating intraocular lens
Accommodating posterior chamber intraocular lens
Crystalens®

Multifocal intraocular lens
ReZoom
TECNIS® Multifocal Lens

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