



ARGOS® Biometer Coding and Billing Guide

Indication and Intended Use

ARGOS® is a non-invasive, non-contact biometer based on swept-source optical coherence tomography (SS-OCT). The device acquires ocular measurements and performs calculations to determine the appropriate intraocular lens (IOL) power and type for implantation during IOL placement. The Reference Image functionality is intended for use as a preoperative and postoperative image capture tool for patients undergoing cataract surgery.

Procedure Coding and Billing

The ARGOS® Biometer should be reported with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code **92136**.

CPT®	Description
92136	Ophthalmic biometry by partial coherence interferometry with intraocular lens power calculation

- For Medicare, the technical component (TC) is considered bilateral and the physician component, reported with modifier 26, is unilateral:^{1,2}
 - Report 92136-TC when both eyes were measured
 - Report 92136-26 with a –RT or –LT modifier to indicate the eye for which the IOL power was selected
 - When reporting the second eye, append modifier -26 and the –RT or –LT eye modifier
- When only the technical (-TC) or professional component (-26) is performed apply the appropriate modifier
- May be performed by ophthalmic technician under the supervision of a physician

Common ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes for Cataract

The diagnosis code(s) is(are) determined by the patient’s medical condition. The following are ICD-10-CM codes commonly used when a patient has been diagnosed with cataracts. It is the provider’s responsibility to report the ICD-10-CM diagnosis code that accurately describes the patient’s condition.

Description	ICD-10-CM
Age Related Cataract	H25 - H25.9
Other Cataract	H26 - H26.9
Congenital Lens Malformation	Q12 - Q12.0

Coverage and Payment

- Medicare considers more than one ophthalmic biometry for a cataract patient unreasonable and unnecessary, unless there is documentation supporting medical necessity for an additional test, such as previous test performed longer than 12 months
- Coverage and payment for commercial and Medicare Advantage plans may vary; confirm billing specifications and payment with individual plans

2022 Medicare National Unadjusted Payment Rate for CPT® Code 92136

Physician Total Payment	Professional Component	Technical Component
\$50.53	\$30.45	\$20.07

- CPT® code 92136 is subject to the multiple procedure payment reduction; the allowable for the technical component of the lesser-valued test will be reduced, when more than one test is performed on the same day

ARGOS® Biometer Important Product Information

CAUTION:

Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by, or on the order of, a physician.

INDICATION:

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GUIDANCE REGARDING THE SELECTION OF THE APPROPRIATE VERSION:

Intended Use:

The Reference Image functionality is intended for use as a preoperative and postoperative image capture tool. It is intended for use by ophthalmologists, physicians, and other eye-care professionals and may only be used under the supervision of a physician.

WARNINGS/PRECAUTIONS:

Only properly trained personnel with experience may operate the device and control software and interpret the results.

- Factors that influence the measurement of patient's eyes are listed in the User Manual (Table 1): pseudophakic eye, wearing contact lenses, fixation problem, cornea opacity, non-intact cornea, refractive surgery, blood in the vitreous humor, retinal detachment, keratoconus, asteroid hyalosis, ambient light in the room, and deformation of the corneal shape. Please consider the guidance provided in Table 1 when you encounter these factors
- Optical Radiation - This device is equipped with a Class 1 laser light source

ATTENTION:

Refer to the ARGOS® User Manual for a complete description of proper use and maintenance, optical and technical specifications, as well as a complete list of warnings and precautions.

Source: 1. <https://www.aao.org/practice-management/news-detail/iol-biometry-use-of-tc-26>. Accessed June 26, 2020. 2. https://downloads.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/lcd_attachments/31624_1/L31624_OPHTH006_CBG_060111.pdf. Accessed June 26, 2020.



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