



# Biometry Coding and Billing Guide

## Overview

Biometry can be performed on cataract patients using swept-source optical coherence tomography (SS-OCT). Once the ocular measurements are taken, calculations are performed to determine the appropriate intraocular (IOL) power and type of IOL for implantation during cataract surgery.

## Procedure Coding and Billing

When biometry is being performed, the procedure can be reported with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code **92136**.

CPT®	Description
<b>92136</b>	Ophthalmic biometry by partial coherence interferometry with intraocular lens power calculation

- May be performed by ophthalmic technician under the supervision of a physician
- 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

## 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

- 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

Professional (physician) Component	Technical Component
\$30.45	\$20.07
For Medicare, the professional component is unilateral <sup>1,2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report 92136-26 with a -RT or -LT modifier to indicate the eye for which the IOL power was selected</li> <li>• When reporting the second eye, append modifier -26 and the -RT or -LT eye modifier</li> </ul>	For Medicare, the technical component is bilateral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report 92136-TC when both eyes are measured</li> </ul>

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](https://downloads.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/lcd_attachments/31624_1/L31624_OPHTH006_CBG_060111.pdf). Accessed June 26, 2020.