

Notification of Policy Revisions Effective January 23, 2012 (Posted February 6, 2012)

Medical Policy	Revision
Refractive Surgery	Updated to reflect criteria from the Medicare LCD. Add conditions requiring a phototherapeutic keratectomy.
Reconstructive Eyelid	<p>Policy reviewed due to the difference in visual field criteria in the medical coverage policy compared to the Medicare LCD. Per the LCD, surgery is indicated “if a difference of 12 degrees or more or 30% superior visual field difference is demonstrated between visual field testing before and after manual elevation of the eyelids”. The medical coverage policy indicates “formal visual testing reveals a limitation of the superior field to less than 24 degrees” An ophthalmology consultant reviewed the policy and stated the LCD criterion is difficult to interpret and is not practiced by the ophthalmologists. Therefore, the visual field criteria in the policy remain the same “...24 degrees...”</p> <p>Additional criteria were retained in the policy that is not in the Medicare LCD. This information is to assist the clinical staff with reviews. It does not make the policy more restrictive than the LCD.</p>