

Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED)

Provider Tip Sheet

Why is this measure important?

People diagnosed with diabetes are at risk for developing diabetic retinopathy, which is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults ages 18-64.¹ Initially, diabetic retinopathy may have mild to no symptoms. However, if left untreated, it can lead to blindness. The eye exam to detect diabetic retinopathy is a retinal or dilated eye exam and it is performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

What is being measured?

This assesses the percentage of members 18-75 years of age, who are diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, who have had a retinal eye exam during the measurement year.

Eligible Population

All members between the ages of 18 and 75 with a diagnosis of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

Coding Guidance

Description	CPT II Code
Automated Eye Exam	CPT: 92229
Diabetic Retinal Screening Negative in Prior Year	CPT-CAT-II: 3072F
Eye Exam with Retinopathy	CPT-CAT-II: 2022F, 2024F, 2026F HCPCS: S0620, S0621, S3000
Eye Exam without Retinopathy	CPT-CAT-II: 2023F, 2025F, 2033F

Best Practices

- Include accurate CPT codes.
- Ensure that the date of service, test date, result, and the provider's credentials (must be ophthalmologist or optometrist) are documented in the progress notes of the members' chart.
- Include a chart or photograph that has the date of service for the fundus photography and evidence that an optometrist or ophthalmologist reviewed the results.
- Documentation can be in the form of a note or letter prepared by an ophthalmologist, optometrist, primary care physician, or other health care provider. The note or letter needs to indicate that an ophthalmoscopy exam was completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, the date when the procedure was performed and the results of the exam.

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Best Practices (Continued)

- Educate members on the risks that are associated with diabetic retinopathy.
- Assist members with referrals to an eye care specialist when appropriate.

References

1. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023). [National Diabetes Statistics Report](#).

Support

We are committed to the care and well-being of our members. We are also committed to working with you as a partner to develop the best possible treatment plans for all patients.

Please view the Provider section of our website at ambetterofnorthcarolina.com for additional tools and resources. You may also contact your [Provider Engagement Administrator](#) directly for support and education.

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