Quality ID #191 (CBE 0565): Cataracts: 20/40 or Better Visual Acuity within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery

### 2025 COLLECTION TYPE: MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

### **MEASURE TYPE:**

Outcome – High Priority

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Percentage of cataract surgeries for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of uncomplicated cataract and no significant ocular conditions impacting the visual outcome of surgery and had best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved in the operative eye within 90 days following the cataract surgery.

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

This measure is to be submitted <u>each time</u> a procedure for uncomplicated cataract is performed during the performance period. This measure is intended to reflect the quality of services provided for the patients receiving uncomplicated cataract surgery. This measure is to be submitted by the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinician performing the cataract surgery procedure. Clinicians who provide only preoperative or postoperative management of cataract surgery patients are not eligible for this measure.

### NOTE:

- For patients who receive the cataract surgical procedures specified in the denominator coding, it should be reported whether or not the patient had best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better achieved in the operative eye within 90 days following cataract surgery.
- Cataract surgeries performed on patients who have any of the listed significant ocular conditions [comorbid] in the exclusion criteria should be removed from the denominator; these patients have existing ocular conditions that could impact the outcome of surgery and are not included in the measure calculation for those patients who have best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved in the operative eye within 90 days following the cataract surgery.
- Include only cataract surgery procedures performed between **January 1**<sup>st</sup> and **September 30**<sup>th</sup> of the performance period. This will allow the post-operative period to occur within the performance period.

## Measure Submission Type:

Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third-party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third-party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third-party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

#### **DENOMINATOR:**

All cataract surgeries performed between January and September of the performance period for patients 18 years and older

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients aged  $\geq$ 18 years on date of procedure

<u>and</u>

Procedure during the performance period (CPT): 66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66930, 66940, 66982, 66983,

### 66984 <u>WITHOUT</u> Modifier: 56 or 55 <u>WITHOUT</u> Telehealth Modifier (including but not limited to): GQ, GT, POS 02, POS 10 <u>AND NOT</u> <u>DENOMINATOR EXCLUSION:</u>

Any of the following significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery (Patients with documentation of the presence of one or more of the following significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery prior to date of cataract surgery which is still active at the time of the cataract surgery are excluded from the measure calculation.)

#### Table 1 - Significant Ocular Conditions

Significant Ocular Condition	Corresponding ICD-10-CM Codes
Acute and Subacute Iridocyclitis	H20.00, H20.011, H20.012, H20.013, H20.021, H20.022, H20.023, H20.031,
	H20.032, H20.033, H20.041, H20.042, H20.043, H20.051, H20.052, H20.053
Amblyopia	H53.001, H53.002, H53.003, H53.011, H53.012, H53.013, H53.021, H53.022,
	H53.023, H53.031, H53.032, H53.033, H53.041, H53.042, H53.043
Burn Confined to Eye and Adnexa	T26.01XA, T26.02XA, T26.11XA, T26.12XA, T26.21XA, T26.22XA, T26.31XA,
	T26.32XA, T26.41XA, T26.42XA, T26.51XA, T26.52XA, T26.61XA, T26.62XA,
	T26.71XA, T26.72XA, T26.81XA, T26.82XA, T26.91XA, T26.92XA
Cataract Secondary to Ocular	H26.211, H26.212, H26.213, H26.221, H26.222, H26.223
Disorders	010.0
Cataract, Congenital	Q12.0
Cataract, Mature or	H26.9
Hypermature Cataract, Destoriar Dalar	
Cataract, Posterior Polar Central Corneal Ulcer	H25.041, H25.042, H25.043 H16.011, H16.012, H16.013
Certain Types of Iridocyclitis	H20.21, H20.22, H20.23, H20.811, H20.812, H20.813, H20.821, H20.822,
Choroidal Degenerations	H20.823, H20.9 H35.33
Choroidal Detachment	H31.401, H31.402, H31.403, H31.411, H31.412, H31.413, H31.421, H31.422,
Charoidal Homorrhage and Dupture	H31.423 H31.301, H31.302, H31.303, H31.311, H31.312, H31.313, H31.321, H31.322,
	H31.323
Chronic Iridocyclitis	A18.54, H20.11, H20.12, H20.13, H20.9
Cloudy Cornea	H17.01, H17.02, H17.03, H17.11, H17.12, H17.13, H17.811, H17.812,
	H17.813, H17.821, H17.822, H17.823
Corneal Edema	H18.11, H18.12, H18.13, H18.20, H18.221, H18.222, H18.223, H18.231, H18.232, H18.233, H18.421, H18.422, H18.423, H18.43
Disorders of Cornea	H17.01, H17.02, H17.03, H17.11, H17.12, H17.13, H17.89, H17.9
Including Cornea Opacity	
Degeneration of Macula and	H35.30, H35.3110, H35.3111, H35.3112, H35.3113, H35.3114, H35.3120,
Posterior Pole	H35.3121, H35.3122, H35.3123, H35.3124, H35.3130, H35.3131, H35.3132,
	H35.3133, H35.3134, H35.3210, H35.3211, H35.3212, H35.3213, H35.3220,
	H35.3221, H35.3222, H35.3223, H35.3230, H35.3231, H35.3232, H35.3233,
	H35.341, H35.342, H35.343, H35.351, H35.352, H35.353, H35.361, H35.362, H35
	H35.363, H35.371, H35.372, H35.373, H35.381, H35.382, H35.383

Significant Ocular Condition	Corresponding ICD-10-CM Codes
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	H44.2C2, H44.2C3, H44.2D1, H44.2D2, H44.2D3, H44.2E1, H44.2E2,
	H44.2E3, H44.21, H44.22, H44.23, H44.311, H44.312, H44.313, H44.321,
	H44.322, H44.323, H44.391, H44.392, H44.393
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Significant Ocular Condition	Corresponding ICD-10-CM Codes
Diabetic Retinopathy	E08.311, E08.319, E08.3211, E08.3212, E08.3213, E08.3291, E08.3292,
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Disorders of Optic Chiasm	H47.41, H47.42, H47.43, H47.49
Disorders of Visual Cortex	H47.611, H47.612, H47.621, H47.622, H47.631, H47.632, H47.641, H47.642
Disseminated Chorioretinitis and	A18.53, H30.101, H30.102, H30.103, H30.111, H30.112, H30.113, H30.121,
Disseminated Retinochoroiditis	H30.122, H30.123, H30.131, H30.132, H30.133, H30.141, H30.142, H30.143
Focal Chorioretinitis and Focal	H30.001, H30.002, H30.003, H30.011, H30.012, H30.013, H30.021, H30.022,
Retinochoroiditis	H30.023, H30.031, H30.032, H30.033, H30.041, H30.042, H30.043

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05.8X1A, S05.8X2A
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47.291, H47.292, H47.293

Significant Ocular Condition	Corresponding ICD-10-CM Codes
Optic Neuritis	H46.01, H46.02, H46.03, H46.11, H46.12, H46.13, H46.2, H46.3, H46.8, H46.9
	H30.21, H30.22, H30.23, H30.811, H30.812, H30.813, H30.891, H30.892, H30.893, H30.91, H30.92, H30.93
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Other Disorders of Optic Nerve	H47.011, H47.012, H47.013
	H16.241, H16.242, H16.243, H21.331, H21.332, H21.333, H33.121, H33.122, H33.123, H44.111, H44.112, H44.113, H44.121, H44.122, H44.123, H44.131, H44.132, H44.133, H44.19
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	Q12.2, Q12.4, Q12.8
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Retrolental Fibroplasias	H35.171, H35.172, H35.173
	H15.021, H15.022, H15.023, H15.031, H15.032, H15.033, H15.041, H15.042, H15.043, H15.051, H15.052, H15.053, H15.091, H15.092, H15.093
1	H35.711, H35.712, H35.713, H35.721, H35.722, H35.723, H35.731, H35.732, H35.733
	H26.101, H26.102, H26.103, H26.111, H26.112, H26.113, H26.121, H26.122, H26.123, H26.131, H26.132, H26.133
	H44.111, H44.112, H44.113, H44.131, H44.132, H44.133
Vascular Disorders of Iris and Ciliary Body	
	H53.411, H53.412, H53.413, H53.421, H53.422, H53.423, H53.431, H53.432, H53.433, H53.451, H53.452, H53.453, H53.461, H53.462, H53.47, H53.481, H53.482, H53.483

### NUMERATOR:

Cataract surgeries with best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved in the operative eye within 90 days following cataract surgery

#### Numerator Options:

Performance Met:

Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved within the 90 days

following cataract surgery (4175F)

Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) not achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery, reason not otherwise specified (4175F *with* 8P)

# RATIONALE:

Performance Not Met:

In the United States, cataracts affect more than 24 million adults over 40 years (National Eye Institute, 2019). According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology (Academy) (2021), cataract surgery has a substantial beneficial impact on visual function and on quality of life.

1. Scientific basis for measuring visual acuity outcomes after cataract surgery

The only reason to perform cataract surgery (other than for a limited set of medical indications) is to improve a patient's vision and associated functioning. The use of a 20/40 visual acuity threshold is based on several considerations. First, it is the level for unrestricted operation of a motor vehicle in the US. Second, it has been consistently used by the FDA in its assessment for approval of intraocular lens (IOL) and other vision devices. Third, it is the literature standard to denote success in cataract surgery. Fourth, work by West et al. in the Salisbury Eye Study suggests that 20/40 is a useful threshold for 50th percentile functioning for several vision-related tasks.

Most patients achieve excellent visual acuity after cataract surgery (20/40 or better). This outcome is achieved consistently through careful attention through the accurate measurement of axial length and corneal power and the appropriate selection of an IOL power calculation formula. As such, it reflects the care and diligence with which the surgery is assessed, planned and executed. Failure to achieve this after surgery in eyes without comorbid ocular conditions that would impact the success of the surgery would reflect care that should be assessed for opportunities for improvement.

The exclusion of patients with other ocular and systemic conditions known to increase the risk of an adverse outcome reflects the findings of the two published prediction rule papers for cataract surgery outcomes, by Mangione et al. (1995) and Steinberg et al. (1994). In both papers, the presence of comorbid glaucoma and macular degeneration negatively impacted the likelihood of successful outcomes of surgery. Further, as noted in the prior indicator, exclusion of eyes with ocular conditions that could impact the success of the surgery would NOT eliminate the large majority of eyes undergoing surgery while also minimizing the potential adverse selection that might otherwise occur relative to those patients with the most complex situations who might benefit the most from having surgery to maximize their remaining vision.

2. Evidence of a gap in care

Cataract surgery successfully restores vision in the majority of people who have the procedure.

Data from a study of 368,256 cataract surgeries show that corrected visual acuity (CDVA) of 0.5 (20/40) or better was achieved in 94.3% and CDVA of 1.0 (20/20) or better was achieved in 61.3% of cases (Lundstrom et al., 2013).

Additionally, data from a UK multi-center Cataract National Dataset found a postoperative visual acuity of 6/12 (20/40) or better was achieved for 94.7% of eyes with no co-pathologies and in 79.9% of eyes with one or more co-pathologies (Jaycock et al., 2009).

A rate of 85.5-94.7% of patients achieving a 20/40 or better visual acuity in the context of approximately 3 million cataract surgeries in the US annually would mean that between 160,000 to 435,000 individuals would not achieve a 20/40 or better visual acuity which suggests an opportunity for improvement.

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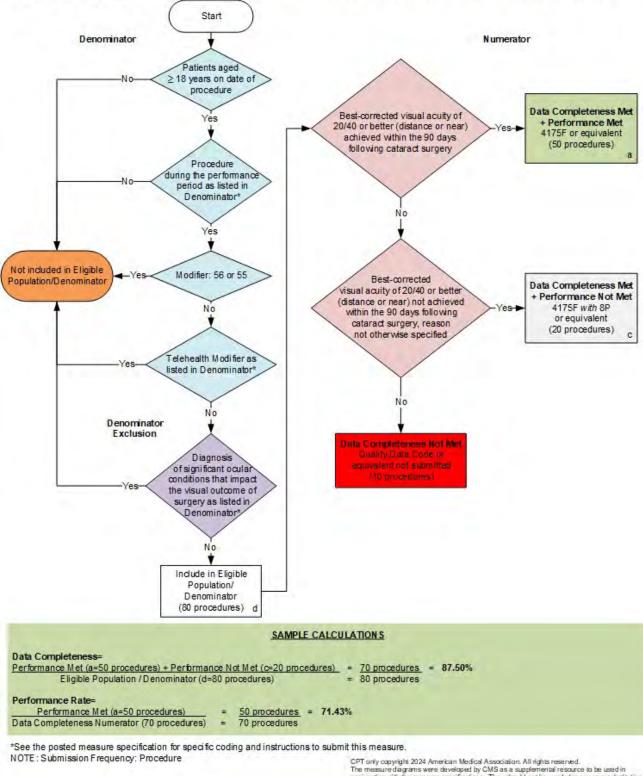
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#### 2025 Clinical Quality Measure Flow for Quality ID #191 (CBE 0565): Cataracts: 20/40 or Better Visual Acuity within 90 Days Following Cataract Surgery

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- 1. Start with Denominator
- 2. Check Patients aged greater than or equal to 18 years on date of procedure:
  - a. If *Patients aged greater than or equal to 18 years on date of procedure* equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator.* Stop processing.
  - b. If Patients aged greater than or equal to 18 years on date of procedure equals Yes, proceed to check Procedure during the performance period as listed in Denominator\*.
- 3. Check Procedure during the performance period as listed in Denominator\*.
  - a. If *Procedure during the performance period as listed in Denominator*\* equals No, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If *Procedure during the performance period as listed in Denominator*\* equals Yes, proceed to check *Modifier*.
- 4. Check Modifier.
  - a. If *Modifier: 56 or 55* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If Modifier: 56 or 55 equals No, proceed to check Telehealth Modifier as listed in Denominator\*.
- 5. Check Telehealth Modifier as listed in Denominator\*:
  - a. If *Telehealth Modifier as listed in Denominator*\* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If Telehealth Modifier as listed in Denominator\* equals No, proceed to check Diagnosis of significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery as listed in Denominator\*.
- 6. Check Diagnosis of significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery as listed in Denominator\*:
  - a. If Diagnosis of significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery as listed in Denominator\* equals Yes, do not include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*. Stop processing.
  - b. If Diagnosis of significant ocular conditions that impact the visual outcome of surgery as listed in Denominator\* equals No, include in *Eligible Population/Denominator*.
- 7. Denominator Population:
  - Denominator Population is all Eligible Procedures in the Denominator. The Denominator is represented as Denominator in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter d equals 80 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
- 8. Start Numerator

- 9. Check Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery:
  - a. If Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Met.
    - Data Completeness Met and Performance Met letter is represented in the Data Completeness and Performance Rate in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter a equals 50 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
  - b. If Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery equals No, proceed to check Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) not achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery, reason not otherwise specified.
- 10. Check Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) not achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery, reason not otherwise specified:
  - a. If Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) not achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery, reason not otherwise specified equals Yes, include in Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met.
    - Data Completeness Met and Performance Not Met letter is represented in the Data Completeness in the Sample Calculation listed at the end of this document. Letter c equals 20 procedures in the Sample Calculation.
  - b. If Best-corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or better (distance or near) not achieved within the 90 days following cataract surgery, reason not otherwise specified equals No, proceed to check Data Completeness Not Met.
- 11. Check Data Completeness Not Met:
  - If Data Completeness Not Met, the Quality Data Code or equivalent was not submitted.
    10 procedures have been subtracted from the Data Completeness Numerator in the Sample Calculation.

#### Sample Calculations

Data Completeness equals Performance Met (a equals 50 procedures) plus Performance Not Met (c equals 20 procedures) divided by Eligible Population/Denominator (d equals 80 procedures). All equals 70 procedures divided by 80 procedures. All equals 87.50 percent.

Performance Rate equals Performance Met (a equals 50 procedures) divided by Data Completeness Numerator (70 procedures). All equals 50 procedures divided by 70 procedures. All equals 71.43 percent.

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