CHAPTER 13
SECTION 9.1
ADDENDUM 1, SECTION 14

TRICARE-APPROVED AMBULATORY SURGERY PROCEDURES - EYE AND OCULAR ADNEXA

The number following the procedure code is the TRICARE payment group.

EYEBALL

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
REMOVAL OF EYE		
65091	5	Evisceration of ocular contents; without implant
65093	5	Evisceration of ocular contents; with implant
65101	5	Enucleation of eye; without implant
65103	5	Enucleation of eye; with implant, muscles not attached to implant
65105	6	Enucleation of eye; with implant, muscles attached to implant
65110	7	Exenteration of orbit (does not include skin graft), removal of orbital contents; only
65112	9	Extenteration of orbit (does not include skin graft), removal of orbital contents; with therapeutic removal of bone
65114	9	Extenteration of orbit (does not include skin graft), removal of orbital contents; with muscle or myocutaneous flap
SECONDARY IMPLANT PROCEDURES		
65130	5	Insertion of ocular implant secondary; after evisceration, in scleral shell
65135	4	Insertion of ocular implant secondary; after enucleation, muscles not attached to implant
65140	5	Insertion of ocular implant secondary; after enucleation, muscles attached to implant
65150	4	Reinsertion of ocular implant; with or without conjunctival graft
65155	5	Reinsertion of ocular implant; with use of foreign material for reinforcement and/or attachment of muscles to implant
65175	2	Removal of ocular implant
REMOVAL OF OCULAR FOREIGN BODY		
65235	4	Removal of foreign body, intraocular; from anterior chamber, or lens
65260	5	Removal of foreign body, intraocular; from posterior segment, magnetic extraction, anterior or posterior route
65265	6	Removal of foreign body, intraocular; from posterior segment, nonmagnetic extraction
REPAIR OF LACERATION OF EYEBALL		
65270	4	Repair of laceration; conjunctiva, with or without nonperforating laceration sclera, direct closure
65272	4	Repair of laceration; conjunctiva, by mobilization and rearrangement, without hospitalization

EYEBALL (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
65275	6	Repair of laceration; cornea, nonperforating, with or without removal foreign body
65280	6	Repair of laceration; cornea and/or sclera, perforating, not involving uveal tissue
65285	6	Repair of laceration; cornea and/or sclera, perforating, with reposition or resection of uveal tissue
65290	5	Repair of wound, extraocular muscle, tendon and/or Tenon's capsule

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - CORNEA

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
EXCISION		
65400	2	Excision of lesion, cornea (keratectomy, lamellar, partial), except pterygium
65410	4	Biopsy of cornea
65420	4	Excision or transposition of pterygium; without graft
65426	7	Excision or transposition of pterygium; with graft
KERATOPLASTY		
65710	9	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); lamellar
65730	9	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating (except in aphakia)
65750	9	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating, (in aphakia)
65755	9	Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating (in pseudophakia)
65770[2]	9	Keratoprosthesis

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - ANTERIOR CHAMBER

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
INCISION		
65800	2	Paracentesis of anterior chamber of eye (separate procedure); with diagnostic aspiration of aqueous
65805	2	Paracentesis of anterior chamber of eye (separate procedure); with therapeutic release of aqueous
65810	5	Paracentesis of anterior chamber of eye (separate procedure); with removal of vitreous and/or discission of anterior hyaloid membrane, with or without air injection
65815	4	Paracentesis of anterior chamber of eye (separate procedure); with removal of blood, with or without irrigation and/or air injection
65850	6	Trabeculotomy ab externo
OTHER PROCEDURES		
65865	2	Severing adhesions of anterior segment of eye, incisional technique (with or without injection of air or liquid) (separate procedure); goniosynechiae
65870	6	Severing adhesions of anterior segment of eye, incisional technique (with or without injection of air or liquid) (separate procedure); anterior synechiae, except goniosynechiae
65875	6	Severing adhesions of anterior segment of eye, incisional technique (with or without injection of air or liquid) (separate procedure); posterior synechiae
65880	6	Severing adhesions of anterior segment of eye, incisional technique (with or without injection of air or liquid)

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - ANTERIOR CHAMBER (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
65900	7	Removal of epithelial downgrowth, anterior chamber eye
65920	9	Removal of implanted material, anterior segment eye
65930	7	Removal of blood clot, anterior segment eye
66020	2	Injection, anterior chamber (separate procedure); air or liquid
66030	2	Injection, anterior chamber (separate procedure); medication

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - ANTERIOR SCLERA

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
EXCISION		
66130	9	Excision of lesion, sclera
66150	6	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; trephination with iridectomy
66155	6	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; thermocauterization with iridectomy
66160	4	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; sclerectomy with punch or scissors, with iridectomy
66165	6	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; iridencleisis or iridotasis
66170	8	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; trabeculectomy ab externo
66172	6	Fistulization of sclera for glaucoma; trabeculectomy ab externo with scarring from previous ocular surgery or trauma (includes injection of antifibrotic agents)
66180[2]	7	Aqueous shunt to extraocular reservoir (e.g., Molteno, Schocket, Denver-Krupin)
66185[2]	4	Revision of aqueous shunt to extraocular reservoir
REPAIR		
66220	5	Repair of scleral staphyloma; without graft
66225	6	Repair of scleral staphyloma; with graft
REVISION OPERATIVE WOUND		
66250	4	Revision or repair of operative wound of anterior segment, any type, early or late, major or minor procedure

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - IRIS, CILIARY BODY

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
IRIDOTOMY, IRIDECTOMY		
66500	2	Iridotomy by stab incision (separate procedure); except transfixion
66505	2	Iridotomy by stab incision (separate procedure); with transfixion as for iris bombe
66600	5	Iridectomy, with corneoscleral or corneal section; for removal of lesion
66605	5	Iridectomy, with corneoscleral or corneal section; with cyclectomy
66625	5	Iridectomy, with corneoscleral or corneal section; peripheral for glaucoma (separate procedure)
66630	5	Iridectomy, with corneoscleral or corneal section; sector for glaucoma (separate procedure)
66635	5	Iridectomy, with corneoscleral or corneal section; “optical” (separate procedure)

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - IRIS, CILIARY BODY (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
REPAIR		
66680	5	Repair of iris, ciliary body (as for iridodialysis)
66682	4	Suture of iris, ciliary body (separate procedure) with retrieval of suture through small incision (eg, McCannel suture)
DESTRUCTION		
66700	4	Ciliary body destruction; diathermy
66710	4	Ciliary body destruction; cyclophotocoagulation
66720	4	Ciliary body destruction; cryotherapy
66740	4	Ciliary body destruction; cyclodialysis
66762[4]	2	Iridoplasty by photocoagulation (one or more sessions) eg, for improvement of vision, for widening of anterior chamber angle)

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - LENS

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
INCISION		
66821	2	Discission of secondary membranous cataract (opacified posterior lens capsule and / or anterior hyaloid); laser surgery (eg, YAG laser) (one or more stages)
REMOVAL CATARACT		
66830	6	Removal of secondary membranous cataract (opacified posterior lens capsule and / or anterior hyalod) with corneo-scleral section, with or without iridectomy (iridocapsulotomy, iridocapsulectomy)
66840	6	Removal of lens material; aspiration technique, one or more stages
66850	9	Removal of lens material; phacofragmentation technique (mechanical or ultrasonic) (eg, phacoemulsification), with aspiration
66852	6	Removal of lens material; pars plana approach, with or without vitrectomy
66920	6	Removal of lens material; intracapsular
66930	7	Removal of lens material; intracapsular, for dislocated lens
66940	7	Removal of lens material; extracapsular (other than 66840, 66850, 66852)
66983	9	Intracapsular cataract extraction with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (one stage procedure)
66984	9	Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (one stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (eg, irrigation and aspiration of phacoemulsification)
66985	8	Insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (secondary implant), not associated with concurrent cataract removal
66986	8	Exchange of intraocular lens
POSTERIOR SEGMENT - VITREOUS		
67005	6	Removal of vitreous, anterior approach (open sky technique or limbal incision); partial removal
67010	6	Removal of vitreous, anterior approach (open sky technique or limbal incision); subtotal removal with mechanical vitrectomy
67015	2	Aspiration or release of vitreous, subretinal or choroidal fluid, pars plana approach (posterior sclerotomy)
67025	2	Injection of vitreous substitute, pars plana or limbal approach, (fluid-gas exchange), with or without aspiration (separate procedure)

ANTERIOR SEGMENT - LENS (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
67030	2	Discission of vitreous strands (without removal), pars plana approach
67031	4	Serving of vitreous strands, vitreous face adhesions, sheets, membranes or opacities, laser surgery (one or more stages)
67036	10	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach
67038	7	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with epiretinal membrane stripping
67039	9	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with focal endolaser photocoagulation
67040	9	Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with endolaser panretinal photocoagulation

POSTERIOR SEGMENT - RETINAL DETACHMENT

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
REPAIR		
67101[4]	6	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; cryotherapy or diathermy, with or without drainage of subretinal fluid
67105[4]	7	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; photocoagulation (laser or xenon arc, one or more sessions), with or without drainage of subretinal fluid
67107	10	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; scleral buckling (such as lamellar excision, imbrication or encircling procedure), with or without implant, may include procedures 67101, 67105
67108	9	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; with vitrectomy, any method, with or without air or gas tamponade, with or without focal endolaser photocoagulation, may include procedures 67101-67107 and/or removal of lens by same technique
67109[7]	7	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; by technique other than 67101-67108 and 67110
67112	9	Repair of retinal detachment, one or more sessions; previously operated upon, any technique
67115	4	Release of encircling material (posterior segment)
67120	4	Removal of implanted material, posterior segment; extraocular
67121	4	Removal of implanted material, posterior segment; intraocular
PROPHYLAXIS		
67141	4	Prophylaxis of retinal detachment (eg, retinal break, lattice degeneration) without drainage, one or more sessions; cryotherapy, diathermy

POSTERIOR SEGMENT - OTHER PROCEDURES

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
DESTRUCTION - RETINA, CHOROID		
67208[4]	2	Destruction of localized lesion of retina (eg, maculopathy, choroidopathy, small tumors), one or more sessions; cryotherapy, diathermy
67218	7	Destruction of localized lesion of retina (eg, maculopathy choroidopathy, small tumors), one or more sessions; radiation by implantation of source (includes removal of source)

POSTERIOR SEGMENT - OTHER PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
67227	2	Destruction of extensive or progressive retinopathy (eg, diabetic retinopathy), one or more sessions; cryotherapy, diathermy
SCLERAL REPAIR		
67250	5	Scleral reinforcement (separate procedure); without graft
67255	5	Scleral reinforcement (separate procedure); with graft
OCULARY ADNEXA - EXTRAOCULAR MUSCLES		
67311	5	Strabismus surgery, recession or resection procedure (patient not previously operated on); one horizontal muscle
67312	6	Strabismus surgery, recession or resection procedure (patient not previously operated on); two horizontal muscles
67314	6	Strabismus surgery, recession or resection procedure (patient not previously operated on); one vertical muscle (excluding superior oblique)
67316	6	Strabismus surgery, recession or resection procedure (patient not previously operated on); two or more vertical muscles (excluding superior oblique)
67318	6	Strabismus surgery, any procedure (patient not previously operated on), superior oblique muscle
67320	6	Transposition procedure (eg, for paretic extraocular muscle), any extraocular muscle (specify)
67331	6	Strabismus surgery on patient with previous eye surgery or injury that did not involve the extraocular muscles
67332	6	Strabismus surgery on patient with scarring of extraocular muscles (eg, prior ocular injury, strabismus or retinal detachment surgery) or restrictive myopathy (eg, dysthyroid ophthalmopathy)
67340[2]	6	Strabismus surgery involving exploration and/or repair of detached extraocular muscle(s)
OTHER PROCEDURES		
67350	2	Biopsy of extraocular muscle

OCULAR ADNEXA - ORBIT

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
EXPLORATION, EXCISION, DECOMPRESSION		
67400	5	Orbitotomy without bone flap (frontal or transconjunctival approach); for exploration, with or without biopsy
67405	6	Orbitotomy without bone flap (frontal or transconjunctival approach); with drainage only
67412	7	Orbitotomy without bone flap (frontal or transconnjunctival approach); with removal of lesion
67413	7	Orbitotomy without bone flap (frontal or transconjunctival approach); with removal of foreign body
67415	2	Fine needle aspiration of orbital contents
67420	7	Orbitotomy with bone flap or window, lateral approach (eg, Kroenlein); with removal of lesion
67430	7	Orbitotomy with bone flap or window, lateral approach (eg, Kroenlein); with removal of foreign body

OCULAR ADNEXA - ORBIT (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
67440	7	Orbitotomy with bone flap or window, lateral approach (eg, Kroenlein); with drainage or window
67450	7	Orbitotomy with bone flap or window, lateral approach (eg, Kroenlein); for exploration, with or without biopsy
OTHER PROCEDURES		
67550	6	Orbital implant (implant outside muscle cone); insertion
67560	4	Orbital implant (implant outside muscle cone); removal or revision

OCULAR ADNEXA - EYELIDS

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
INCISION		
67715	2	Canthotomy (separate procedure)
EXCISION OR REMOVAL OF LESION INVOLVING MORE THAN SKIN (I.E., INVOLVING LID MARGIN, TARSUS, AND/OR PALPEBRAL CONJUNCTIVA)		
67808	4	Excision of chalazion; under general anesthesia and/or requiring hospitalization, single or multiple
67830	4	Correction of trichiasis; incision of lid margin
67835	4	Correction of trichiasis; incision of lid margin, with free mucous membrane graft
TARSORRHAPHY		
67880	5	Construction of intermarginal adhesions, median tarsorrhaphy, or canthorrhaphy
67882	5	Construction of intermarginal adhesions, median tarsorrhaphy, or canthorrhaphy; with transposition of tarsal plate
REPAIR OF BROW/PTOSIS BLEPHAROPTOSIS, LID RETRACTION		
67901	7	Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle technique with suture or other material
67902	7	Repair of blepharoptosis; frontalis muscle technique with fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia)
67903	6	Repair of blepharoptosis; (tarso)levator resection or advancement, internal approach
67904	6	Repair of blepharoptosis; (tarso)levator resection or advancement, external approach
67906	7	Repair of blepharoptosis; superior rectus technique with fascial sling (includes obtaining fascia)
67908	6	Repair of blepharoptosis; conjunctivo-tarso-Muller's muscle-levator resection (eg, Fasanella-Servat type)
67909	6	Reduction of overcorrection of ptosis
67911	5	Correction of lid retraction
REPAIR ECTROPION, ENTROPION		
67914	5	Repair of ectropion; suture
67916	6	Repair of ectropion; blepharoplasty, excision tarsal wedge
67917	6	Repair of ectropion; blepharoplasty, extensive (eg, Kuhnt-Szymanowski or tarsal strip operations)
67921	5	Repair of entropion; suture

OCULAR ADNEXA - EYELIDS (CONTINUED)

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
67923	6	Repair of entropion; blepharoplasty, excision tarsal wedge
67924	6	Repair of entropion; blepharoplasty, extensive (eg, Wheeler operation)
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY, BLEPHAROPLASTY INVOLVING MORE THAN SKIN (I.E., INVOLVING LID MARGIN, TARSUS, AND/OR PALPERBRAL CONJUNCTIVA)		
67935	4	Suture of recent wound, eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, and/or palpebral conjunctiva) direct closure; full thickness
67950	4	Canthoplasty (reconstruction of canthus)
67961	5	Excision and repair of eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, conjunctiva, canthus, or full thickness, may include preparation for skin graft or pedicle flap with adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement; up to one-fourth of lid margin
67966	5	Excision and repair of eyelid, involving lid margin, tarsus, conjunctiva, canthus, or full thickness, may include preparation for skin graft or pedicle flap with adjacent tissue transfer or rearrangement; over one-fourth of lid margin
67971	5	Reconstruction of eyelid, full thickness by transfer of tarsoconjunctival flap from opposing eyelid; up to two-thirds of eyelid, one stage or first stage
67973	5	Reconstruction of eyelid, full thickness by transfer of tarsoconjunctival flap from opposing eyelid; total eyelid, lower, one stage or first stage
67974	5	Reconstruction of eyelid, full thickness by transfer of tarsoconjunctival flap from opposing eyelid; total eyelid, upper, one stage or first stage
67975	5	Reconstruction of eyelid, full thickness by transfer of tarsoconjunctival flap from opposing eyelid; second stage

OCULAR ADNEXA - CONJUCTIVA

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
EXCISION, DESTRUCTION		
68130	4	Excision of lesion, conjunctiva; with adjacent sclera
CONJUNCTIVOPLASTY		
68320	6	Conjunctivoplasty; with conjunctival graft or extensive rearrangement
68325	6	Conjunctivoplasty; with buccal mucous membrane graft (includes obtaining graft)
68326	6	Conjunctivoplasty, reconstruction cul-de-sac; with conjunctival graft or extensive rearrangement
68328	6	Conjunctivoplasty, reconstruction cul-de-sac; with buccal mucous membrane graft (includes obtaining graft)
68330	6	Repair of symblepharon; conjunctivoplasty, without graft
68335	6	Repair of symblepharon; with free graft conjunctiva or buccal mucous membrane (includes obtaining graft)
68340	6	Repair of symblepharon; division of symblepharon with or without insertion of conformer or contact lens
OTHER PROCEDURES		
68360	4	Conjunctival flap; bridge or partial (separate procedure)
68362	4	Conjunctival flap; total (such as Gunderson thin flap or purse string flap)

OCULAR ADNEXA - LACRIMINAL SYSTEM

PROCEDURE CODE	PAYMENT GROUP	DESCRIPTION
EXCISION		
68500	5	Excision of lacrimal gland (dacryoadenectomy), except for tumor; total
68505	5	Excision of lacrimal gland (dacryoadenectomy), except for tumor; partial
68510	2	Biopsy of lacrimal gland
68520	5	Excision of lacrimal sac (dacryocystectomy)
68525	2	Biopsy of lacrimal sac
68540	5	Excision of lacrimal gland tumor; frontal approach
68550	5	Excision of lacrimal gland tumor; involving osteotomy
REPAIR		
68700	4	Plastic repair of canaliculi
68720	6	Dacryocystorhinostomy (fistulization of lacrimal sac to nasal cavity)
68745	6	Conjunctivorhinostomy (fistulization of conjunctiva to nasal cavity); without tube
68750	6	Conjunctivorhinostomy (fistulization of conjunctiva to nasal cavity); with insertion of tube or stent
PROBING AND RELATED PROCEDURES		
68810[9]	3	Probing of nasolacrimal duct, with or without irrigation
68811[9]	3	Probing of nasolacrimal duct, with or without irrigation; requiring general anesthesia
68815[9]	3	Probing of nasolacrimal duct, with or without irrigation; with insertion of tube or stent
68825[10]	3	Probing of nasolacrimal duct, with or without irrigation, unilateral or bilateral; requiring general anesthesia

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