OVERVIEW
This payment policy documents the coverage for External Ocular Photography. External ocular photography can be used to document the progress or deterioration of certain conditions of the external structures of the eye as described below.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
Prior authorization is not required.

POLICY STATEMENT
BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

External photography, including but not limited to Close-Up Photography, Slit Lamp Photography, Goniophotography, and Stereo-Photography are not separately reimbursed.

MEDICAL CRITERIA
Not Applicable

BACKGROUND
External ocular photography can be used to document the progress or deterioration of certain conditions of the external structures of the eye including the eyelids, lashes, sclerae, conjunctiva and cornea. It may also be used to document progress and deterioration of structures of the anterior chamber including the iris, and filtration angle. These photographs are commonly made using slit lamp photography, goniophotography, stereophotography or close-up photography. Regardless of the technique used for the picture taking, the pictures may be stored as prints, slides, videotape, or digital medium.

COVERAGE
Benefits may vary between groups/contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage, Subscriber Agreement for the applicable Vision Care Services benefits.

CODING
BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial

The following CPT code is not separately reimbursed:

92285

RELATED POLICIES
None

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REFERENCES

None

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