

## Clinical Policy: Anterior Segment Photography with Fluorescein Angiography

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### Description

Anterior segment photography with fluorescein angiography is performed to examine the iris. This procedure includes fluorescein angiography; which is for detection of abnormalities of retinal blood vessels. This policy describes the medical necessity requirements for anterior segment photography with fluorescein angiography.

### Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® (Centene) and Envolve Vision, Inc.® (Envolve) that anterior segment imaging with fluorescein angiography is **medically necessary** for the following indications:
  - A. Rubeosis iridis;
  - B. Neovascular glaucoma;
  - C. Diabetic retinopathy;
  - D. Retinal vein occlusion;
  - E. Uveitis;
  - F. Iris cyst;
  - G. Iris neoplasm;
  - H. Anterior segment ischemia; or
  - I. Iris trauma or injury, including damage secondary to surgery.

### Background

Fluorescein angiography reveals information about the type, and thereby about the probable malignancy of iris tumors. In cases of iris cysts, angiography allows the differential diagnosis between congenital cysts and epithelial downgrowth cysts, in which a surgical treatment for the latter is necessary. Further indications for fluorescein angiography of the iris are neovascularization of the iris (rubeosis iridis), degenerative diseases, and anomalies of iris vessel formation. In these cases, fluorescein angiography permits the diagnosis or differential diagnosis as well as follow-up. Neovascularization of the iris and angle may occur in response to retinal ischemia, uveitis, trauma, and radiation. Of these conditions, retinal ischemia due to diabetic retinopathy is the most common cause of neovascular glaucoma.

### Coding Implications

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<b>CPT® Codes</b>	<b>Description</b>
92287	Anterior segment imaging with interpretation and report; with fluorescein angiography

**ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes that Support Coverage Criteria**

+ Indicates a code requiring an additional character

<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
A18.54	Tuberculous iridocyclitis
C69.41	Malignant neoplasm of right ciliary body
C69.42	Malignant neoplasm of left ciliary body
E10.3211	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3212	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3213	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E10.3291	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3292	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3293	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.3311	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3312	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3313	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E10.3391	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3392	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3393	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.3411	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E10.3412	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E10.3413	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E10.3491	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
E10.3492	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3493	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.3521	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E10.3522	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E10.3523	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral
E10.3531	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye
E10.3532	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E10.3533	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E10.3541	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye
E10.3542	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E10.3543	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E10.3551	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E10.3552	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E10.3553	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E10.3591	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E10.3592	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E10.3593	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E10.39	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with other diabetic ophthalmic complication
E11.3211	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E11.3212	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye

<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
E11.3213	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3291	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3292	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3293	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with mild nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.3311	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye
E11.3312	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E11.3313	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3391	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3392	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with moderate nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
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E11.3492	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with severe nonproliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
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E11.3512	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye
E11.3513	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral
E11.3521	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye
E11.3522	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye
E11.3523	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
E11.3531	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye
E11.3532	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye
E11.3533	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral
E11.3541	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye
E11.3542	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye
E11.3543	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral
E11.3551	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye
E11.3552	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye
E11.3553	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral
E11.3591	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye
E11.3592	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye
E11.3593	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral
E11.39	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with other diabetic ophthalmic complication
H20.011	Primary iridocyclitis right eye
H20.012	Primary iridocyclitis left eye
H20.013	Primary iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.021	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis right eye
H20.022	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis left eye
H20.023	Recurrent acute iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.031	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis right eye
H20.032	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis left eye
H20.033	Secondary infectious iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.041	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis right eye
H20.042	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis left eye
H20.043	Secondary noninfectious iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.051	Hypopyon right eye

<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
H20.052	Hypopyon left eye
H20.053	Hypopyon bilateral
H20.11	Chronic iridocyclitis right eye
H20.12	Chronic iridocyclitis left eye
H20.13	Chronic iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.21	Lens-induced iridocyclitis right eye
H20.22	Lens-induced iridocyclitis left eye
H20.23	Lens-induced iridocyclitis bilateral
H20.811	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis right eye
H20.812	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis left eye
H20.813	Fuchs' heterochromic cyclitis bilateral
H20.821	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome right eye
H20.822	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome left eye
H20.823	Vogt-Koyanagi syndrome bilateral
H21.01	Hyphema right eye
H21.02	Hyphema left eye
H21.03	Hyphema bilateral
H21.1X1	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body right eye
H21.1X2	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body left eye
H21.1X3	Other vascular disorders of iris and ciliary body bilateral
H21.211	Degeneration of chamber angle right eye
H21.212	Degeneration of chamber angle left eye
H21.213	Degeneration of chamber angle bilateral
H21.221	Degeneration of ciliary body right eye
H21.222	Degeneration of ciliary body left eye
H21.223	Degeneration of ciliary body bilateral
H21.231	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) right eye
H21.232	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) left eye
H21.233	Degeneration of iris (pigmentary) bilateral
H21.241	Degeneration of pupillary margin right eye
H21.242	Degeneration of pupillary margin left eye
H21.243	Degeneration of pupillary margin bilateral
H21.251	Iridoschisis right eye
H21.252	Iridoschisis left eye
H21.253	Iridoschisis bilateral
H21.261	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) right eye
H21.262	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) left eye

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
H21.263	Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive) bilateral
H21.271	Miotic pupillary cyst right eye
H21.272	Miotic pupillary cyst left eye
H21.273	Miotic pupillary cyst bilateral
H21.301	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber right eye
H21.302	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber left eye
H21.303	Idiopathic cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber bilateral
H21.311	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber right eye
H21.312	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber left eye
H21.313	Exudative cysts of iris or anterior chamber bilateral
H21.321	Implantation cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber right eye
H21.322	Implantation cysts of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber left eye
H21.323	Implantation cysts of iris ciliary body or anterior chamber bilateral
H21.331	Parasitic cyst of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber right eye
H21.332	Parasitic cyst of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber left eye
H21.333	Parasitic cyst of iris, ciliary body or anterior chamber bilateral
H21.341	Primary cyst of pars plana right eye
H21.342	Primary cyst of pars plana left eye
H21.343	Primary cyst of pars plana bilateral
H21.351	Exudative cyst of pars plana right eye
H21.352	Exudative cyst of pars plana left eye
H21.353	Exudative cyst of pars plana bilateral
H21.41	Pupillary membranes right eye
H21.42	Pupillary membranes left eye
H21.43	Pupillary membranes bilateral
H21.511	Anterior synechiae (iris) right eye
H21.512	Anterior synechiae (iris) left eye
H21.513	Anterior synechiae (iris) bilateral
H21.521	Goniosynechiae right eye
H21.522	Goniosynechiae left eye
H21.523	Goniosynechiae bilateral
H21.531	Iridodialysis right eye
H21.532	Iridodialysis left eye
H21.533	Iridodialysis bilateral
H21.541	Posterior synechiae (iris) right eye
H21.542	Posterior synechiae (iris) left eye
H21.543	Posterior synechiae (iris) bilateral
H21.551	Recession of chamber angle right eye

<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
H21.552	Recession of chamber angle left eye
H21.553	Recession of chamber angle bilateral
H21.561	Pupillary abnormality right eye
H21.562	Pupillary abnormality left eye
H21.563	Pupillary abnormality bilateral
H21.81	Floppy iris syndrome
H21.82	Plateau iris syndrome (post-iridectomy) (post-procedural)
H34.8110	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with macular edema
H34.8111	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8112	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, stable
H34.8120	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with macular edema
H34.8121	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye with retinal neovascularization
H34.8122	Central retinal vein occlusion, left eye, stable
H34.8130	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with macular edema
H34.8131	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8132	Central retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, stable
H34.8310	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with macular edema
H34.8311	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8312	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, right eye, stable
H34.8320	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with macular edema
H34.8321	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8322	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, stable
H34.8330	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with macular edema
H34.8331	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, with retinal neovascularization
H34.8332	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, bilateral, stable
H35.011	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, right eye
H35.012	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, left eye
H35.013	Changes in retinal vascular appearance, bilateral
H35.021	Exudative retinopathy, right eye
H35.022	Exudative retinopathy, left eye
H35.023	Exudative retinopathy, bilateral
H36.811	Nonproliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, right eye
H36.812	Nonproliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, left eye
H36.813	Nonproliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, bilateral
H36.821	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, right eye
H36.822	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, left eye
H36.823	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, bilateral
H40.1411	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, mild stage

<b>ICD-10-CM Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
H40.1412	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, moderate stage
H40.1413	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, right eye, severe stage
H40.1421	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, mild stage
H40.1422	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, moderate stage
H40.1423	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, left eye, severe stage
H40.1431	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, mild stage
H40.1432	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.1433	Capsular glaucoma with pseudoexfoliation of lens, bilateral, severe stage
H40.51X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, mild stage
H40.51X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, moderate stage
H40.51X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, right eye, severe stage
H40.52X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, mild stage
H40.52X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, moderate stage
H40.52X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, left eye, severe stage
H40.53X1	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, mild stage
H40.53X2	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, moderate stage
H40.53X3	Glaucoma secondary to other eye disorders, bilateral, severe stage
H40.811	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, right eye
H40.812	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, left eye
H40.813	Glaucoma with increased episcleral venous pressure, bilateral
H40.841	Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, right eye
H40.842	Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, left eye
H40.843	Neovascular secondary angle closure glaucoma, bilateral
Q11.0	Cystic eyeball
Q11.2	Microphthalmos
Q12.0	Congenital cataract
Q12.1	Congenital displaced lens
Q12.3	Congenital aphakia
Q12.4	Spherophakia
Q13.0	Coloboma of iris
Q13.1	Absence of iris
Q13.2	Other congenital malformations of iris
Q13.3	Congenital corneal opacity
Q13.5	Blue sclera
Q13.81	Rieger's anomaly

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
Q15.0	Congenital glaucoma
S05.11XA	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, initial encounter
S05.11XD	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, subsequent encounter
S05.11XS	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, right eye, sequela
S05.12XA	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, left eye, initial encounter
S05.12XD	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, left eye, subsequent encounter
S05.12XS	Contusion of eyeball and orbital tissues, sequela
S05.51XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball initial encounter
S05.51XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.51XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of right eyeball sequela
S05.52XA	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball initial encounter
S05.52XD	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball subsequent encounter
S05.52XS	Penetrating wound with foreign body of left eyeball sequela
S05.61XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye initial encounter
S05.61XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye subsequent encounter
S05.61XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of right eye sequela
S05.62XA	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye initial encounter
S05.62XD	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye subsequent encounter
S05.62XS	Penetrating wound without foreign body of left eye sequela

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