



MEDICAL COVERAGE GUIDELINES
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CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY

Non-Discrimination Statement and Multi-Language Interpreter Services information are located at the end of this document.

Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drug are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Medical Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

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The section identified as "Description" defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as "Criteria" defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

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Medical Coverage Guidelines are subject to change as new information becomes available.

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Description:

Corneal topography refers to the measurement of the corneal anterior surface, curvature and shape. It is used to detect subtle corneal irregularities and astigmatism. Various techniques and instruments are available to measure corneal topography, e.g., keratometer or ophthalmometer, keratoscope and computer-assisted photokeratoscopy. Corneal topography can be performed with or without computer assistance.

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Criteria:

- Corneal topography, with or without computer assisted technology, for abnormal conditions of the cornea as the result of disease is considered **medically necessary** for **ANY** of the following:
 1. Bullous keratopathy
 2. Central corneal ulcers
 3. Complications of corneal transplant/graft
 4. Corneal dystrophy
 5. Corneal ectasia
 6. Corneal opacity
 7. Keratoconus (including contact lens fitting for the treatment of keratoconus)
 8. Nodular or peripheral (marginal) degeneration of cornea
 9. Part of a preoperative cataract assessment for astigmatism
 10. Post traumatic scarring of cornea
 11. Pterygium/pseudo pterygium
- Corneal topography, with or without computer assisted technology, for refractive errors is a **benefit plan exclusion** and **not eligible for coverage**.
- Corneal topography, with or without computer assisted technology for all other indications not previously listed or if above criteria not met is considered **experimental or investigational** based upon:
 1. Insufficient scientific evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect on health outcomes, and
 2. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome, and
 3. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome as much as, or more than, established alternatives, and
 4. Insufficient evidence to support improvement outside the investigational setting.

Resources:

Literature reviewed 04/17/18. We do not include marketing materials, poster boards and non-published literature in our review.

The BCBS Association Medical Policy Reference Manual (MPRM) policy is included in our guideline review. References cited in the MPRM policy are not duplicated on this guideline.

1. 9.03.05 BCBS Association Medical Policy Reference Manual. Corneal Topography/Computer-Assisted Photokeratoscopy. Re-issue date 03/08/2018, issue date 11/01/1997.



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Arabic:

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