



<b>CLINICAL MEDICAL POLICY</b>	
<b>Policy Name:</b>	Cataract Surgery
<b>Policy Number:</b>	MP-001-MC-NC
<b>Responsible Departments:</b>	Medical Management, Medical Policy
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<b>Application:</b>	All participating and nonparticipating hospitals and providers
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#### **DISCLAIMER**

**Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> (Gateway) clinical medical policy is intended to serve only as a general reference resource regarding coverage for the services described. This policy does not constitute medical advice and is not intended to govern or otherwise influence medical decisions.**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> may provide coverage under the medical-surgical benefits of the Company's Medicare products for medically necessary cataract extraction procedures.

This policy is designed to address medical necessity guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness or condition. Each person's unique clinical circumstances warrant individual consideration, based upon review of applicable medical records.

## **PROCEDURES**

In accordance with the Palmetto GBA LCD L34413, Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> requires that the medical record contains the following documentation:

- The medical record must support the medical necessity of the cataract extraction; AND
- The medical record must contain elements of the preoperative workup as described in the “Indications and Limitations of Coverage” and/or “Medical Necessity” sections of the LCD

Note: The provider is responsible for selecting the appropriate ICD-10 diagnosis codes that support the medical necessity of the cataract extraction. The Palmetto GBA LCD L33954 provides the ICD-10 codes necessary for claims processing.

### A. Coverage Determination

Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> follows the coverage determinations made by CMS as outlined in either the national coverage determinations (NCD) or the state-specific local carrier determination (LCD).

For North Carolina, please use the following link for the Palmetto GBA LCD L34413: Cataract Surgery:

[https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34413&ContrId=381&ver=29&ContrVer=1&CntrctrSelected=381\\*1&Cntrctr=381&name=&DocType=Active&s=34%7c48%7c53%7c58&bc=AggAAAQAAAAAA A%3d%3d&](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34413&ContrId=381&ver=29&ContrVer=1&CntrctrSelected=381*1&Cntrctr=381&name=&DocType=Active&s=34%7c48%7c53%7c58&bc=AggAAAQAAAAAA A%3d%3d&)

### B. Operational Guidelines

Compliance with the provisions in this policy will be monitored and addressed by Gateway’s Payment Integrity Department through post-payment audits and/or medical record reviews.

This policy may be used for additional types of reviews.

## **REIMBURSEMENT**

Participating facilities will be reimbursed per their Gateway Health<sup>SM</sup> contract.

## **POLICY SOURCE(S)**

Palmetto GBA. Cataract Surgery. Palmetto GBA Local Coverage Determination (LCD) L34413. Accessed on December 30, 2016 and available at:

[https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34413&ContrlId=381&ver=29&ContrVer=1&CntrctrSelected=381\\*1&Cntrctr=381&name=&DocType=Active&s=34%7c48%7c53%7c58&bc=AggAAAQAAAAAAAA%3d%3d&](https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34413&ContrlId=381&ver=29&ContrVer=1&CntrctrSelected=381*1&Cntrctr=381&name=&DocType=Active&s=34%7c48%7c53%7c58&bc=AggAAAQAAAAAAAA%3d%3d&)

Medicare Benefit Policy Manual – Pub. 100-02.

- Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual – Pub. 100-03.
- Local Coverage Determination (LCD): Cataract Extraction (including Complex Cataract Surgery) (L35091)
- Medicare Claims Processing Manual – Pub. 100-04, Chapter 32, §120.
- Correct Coding Initiative – Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications Manual – Pub. 100-09, Chapter 5.
- Social Security Act (Title XVIII) Standard References, Sections:
  - 1861(s) (1) Physicians' Services.
  - 1861(s) (2) (A) Incident to Physician's Professional Service.
  - 1861(s) (2) (B) Incident to Physician's Professional Service furnished to Hospital Outpatients.
  - 1861(s) (8) Eyeglasses or Contact Lenses Furnished after Cataract Surgery with Insertion of IOL.
  - 1862(a) (1) (A) Medically Reasonable & Necessary.
  - 1862(a) (1) (D) Investigational or Experimental.
  - 1862(a) (7) Refractive Eye Examinations.
  - 1832(a) (2) (F) ASC Surgical Services.
  - 1833(t) (1) (B) (iii) Implantable Items Covered in Hospital Outpatient Departments.
  - 1833(e) Incomplete Claim.

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### **Policy History**

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3/17/2016	Reimbursement Policy RP-100-MC-PA	New Reimbursement policy
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