

Lacrimal Punctum Plugs CPT 68761	Original Effective Date:	06/25/2018
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Scope: Treatment used to increase the retention of tears and increase in tear volume by inhibiting drainage of tears. This treatment is primarily for dry eye syndrome but it can be part of the therapy for other ocular surface diseases.

Coverage: Benefit coverage is specific to the member's benefit plan

Approval Process:

A. Non-clinical medical team approval authority for codes listed below:

CPT	
68761	Closure of lacrimal punctum; by plug, each

ICD 10	
H04.121 - H04.123	Dry eye syndrome of right lacrimal gland - Dry eye syndrome of bilateral lacrimal glands
H11.141 – H11-149	Conjunctival Xerosis
H16.101 - H16.103	Unspecified superficial keratitis, right eye - Unspecified superficial keratitis, bilateral
H16.121 - H16.123	Filamentary keratitis, right eye - Filamentary keratitis, bilateral
H16.141 - H16.143	Punctate keratitis, right eye - Punctate keratitis, bilateral
H16.211 - H16.213	Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, right eye - Exposure keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H16.221 - H16.223	Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjogren's, right eye - Keratoconjunctivitis sicca, not specified as Sjogren's, bilateral
H16.231 - H16.233	Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, right eye - Neurotrophic keratoconjunctivitis, bilateral
H18.831 - H18.833	Recurrent erosion of cornea, right eye - Recurrent erosion of cornea, bilateral
M35.00	Sicca syndrome, unspecified
M35.01	Sicca syndrome with keratoconjunctivitis
M35.09	Sicca syndrome with other organ involvement

B. Medical necessity for conditions not listed above require medical director determination

H16.001 - H16.003	Unspecified corneal ulcer, right eye - Unspecified corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.011 - H16.013	Central corneal ulcer, right eye - Central corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.021 - H16.023	Ring corneal ulcer, right eye - Ring corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.041 - H16.043	Marginal corneal ulcer, right eye - Marginal corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.051 - H16.053	Mooren's corneal ulcer, right eye - Mooren's corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.061 - H16.063	Mycotic corneal ulcer, right eye - Mycotic corneal ulcer, bilateral
H16.071 - H16.073	Perforated corneal ulcer, right eye - Perforated corneal ulcer, bilateral

Summary of Revisions:

Date	Revision
08/13/2020	Updated references and non-clinical team authority diagnosis codes

Reference:

2018 PMIC Ophthalmology Coding Guide – A comprehensive Guide to Procedure and Diagnostic Coding in Ophthalmology

FIRST COAST SERVICE OPTIONS MAC - PART A/B LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATION - L36232 (Diagnostic Evaluation and Medical Management of Moderate-Severe Dry Eye Disease (DED)), Effective 01/08/2019, Retired 06/25/2020

FIRST COAST SERVICE OPTIONS MAC - PART A/B LOCAL COVERAGE ARTICLE – A57676 (Diagnostic Evaluation and Medical Management of Moderate-Severe Dry Eye Disease (DED)), Effective 10/03/2018, Retired 06/25/2020