

Clinical Policy: Indocyanine Green (ICG) Angiography

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Coding Implications
Revision Log

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Description

Indocyanine green (ICG) angiography is an infrared-based, dye imaging technique that is effective in the diagnosis and treatment of ill-defined choroidal neovascularization (e.g., associated with age-related macular degeneration). This policy describes the medical necessity requirements for ICG angiography.

Policy/Criteria

- I. It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® (Centene) and Envolve Vision, Inc.® (Envolve) that ICG angiography is **medically necessary** for the following indications:
 - A. Retinal neovascularization
 - B. Choroid neovascularization
 - C. Serous detachment of retinal pigment epithelium
- II. It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene and Envolve that feeder vessel therapy with the use of ICG angiography is **considered experimental** for the following indications:
 - A. Retinal neovascularization

Background

Indocyanine green (ICG) is a tricarbocyanine dye, which is highly protein bound and does not readily escape from the choriocapillaris. There is a particularly efficient first pass effect in the liver; this limits the recirculation phenomenon that occurs with fluorescein angiography. Indocyanine green absorbs and reflects in the near infrared portion of the spectrum. In this fashion, the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) is essentially rendered invisible. These characteristics also facilitate visualization of the choroid through hemorrhage or other pigmentary deposits in the retina or RPE.

Feeder Vessel Therapy (FVT) is an experimental procedure that involves the use of ICG angiography, used for diagnosing and treating retinal neovascularization. This is a procedure that is closely related to Ocular Photodynamic Therapy (OPT), which combines a light-sensitive medication and laser to destroy diseased tissue and abnormal blood vessels in the eye. FVT involves ICG Dynamic Videoangiography, and the use of a scanning laser ophthalmoscopy.

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Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

Indocyanine-Green Angiography:

CPT Codes	Description
92240	Indocyanine-green angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation and report, unilateral or bilateral

Feeder Vessel Therapy:

HCPCS Codes	Description	
G0186	Destruction of localized lesion (e.g. choroidal neovascularization);	
	photocoagulation, feeder vessel technique (one or more sessions)	

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Codes that Support Coverage Criteria

+ Indicates a code requiring an additional character

ICD-10-CM	Description Description	
Code		
A18.53	Tuberculous chorioretinitis	
E08.3511	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye	
E08.3512	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye	
E08.3513	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral	
E08.3521	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye	
E08.3522	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye	
E08.3523	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral	
E08.3531	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye	
E08.3532	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye	
E08.3533	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral	
E08.3541	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye	

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Code		
E08.3542	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye	
E08.3543	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral	
E08.3551	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye	
E08.3552	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye	
E08.3553	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral	
E08.3591	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye	
E08.3592	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye	
E08.3593	Diabetes mellitus due to underlying condition with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral	
E09.3511	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye	
E09.3512	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye	
E09.3513	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral	
E09.3521	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye	
E09.3522	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye	
E09.3523	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral	
E09.3531	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye	
E09.3532	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye	
E09.3533	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral	



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E09.3541	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and		
E00 2542	rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye		
E09.3542	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and		
E09.3543	rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye		
E09.3343	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral		
E09.3551			
L07.3331	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye		
E09.3552	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye		
E09.3553	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral		
E09.3591	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye		
E09.3592	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, left eye		
E09.3593	Drug or chemical induced diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral		
E10.3511	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye		
E10.3512	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye		
E10.3513	Type 1 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with 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		



ICD-10-CM	Description		
Code	2 000 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
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		
E11.3511	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye		
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		
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		





ICD-10-CM	Description	
Code		
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	
E13.3511	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, right eye	
E13.3512	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, left eye	
E13.3513	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with macular edema, bilateral	
E13.3521	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, right eye	
E13.3522	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, left eye	
E13.3523	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment involving the macula, bilateral	
E13.3531	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, right eye	
E13.3532	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, left eye	
E13.3533	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with traction retinal detachment not involving the macula, bilateral	
E13.3541	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, right eye	
E13.3542	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, left eye	
E13.3543	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy with combined traction retinal detachment and rhegmatogenous retinal detachment, bilateral	
E13.3551	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, right eye	



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Code		
E13.3552	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, left eye	
E13.3553	Other specified diabetes mellitus with stable proliferative diabetic retinopathy, bilateral	
E13.3591	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, right eye	
E13.3592	Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy	
E13.3593	without macular edema, left eye Other specified diabetes mellitus with proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macular edema, bilateral	
H30.011	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, juxtapapillary, right eye	
H30.012	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, juxtapapillary, left eye	
H30.013	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, juxtapapillary, bilateral	
H30.021	Focal chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, right eye	
H30.022	Focal chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, left eye	
H30.023	Focal chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, bilateral	
H30.031	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral, right eye	
H30.032	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral, left eye	
H30.033	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral, bilateral	
H30.041	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, macular or paramacular, right eye	
H30.042	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, macular or paramacular, left eye	
H30.043	Focal chorioretinal inflammation, macular or paramacular, bilateral	
H30.111	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, right eye	
H30.112	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, left eye	
H30.113	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation of posterior pole, bilateral	
H30.121	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral right eye	
H30.122	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral, left eye	
H30.123	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, peripheral, bilateral	
H30.131	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, generalized, right eye	
H30.132	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, generalized, left eye	
H30.133	Disseminated chorioretinal inflammation, generalized, bilateral	
H30.141	Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy, right eye	
H30.142	Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy, left eye	
H30.143	Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy, bilateral	
H30.891	Other chorioretinal inflammations, right eye	
H30.892	Other chorioretinal inflammations, left eye	
H30.893	Other chorioretinal inflammations, bilateral	
H34.8110	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with macular edema	
H34.8111	Central retinal vein occlusion, right eye, with retinal neovascularization	



ICD-10-CM	Description		
Code			
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		
	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with macular edema		
H34.8321	Tributary (branch) retinal vein occlusion, left eye, with retinal		
	neovascularization		
	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		
H35.3211	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye with active		
	choroidal neovascularization		
H35.3212	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive		
	choroidal neovascularization		
	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, right eye, with inactive scar		
H35.3221	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye with active		
	choroidal neovascularization		
H35.3222	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive		
	choroidal neovascularization		
	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, left eye, with inactive scar		
	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with active		
-	choroidal neovascularization		
H35.3232	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive choroidal neovascularization		
	Exudative age-related macular degeneration, bilateral, with inactive scar		
	Retinal hemorrhage, right eye		
H35.62	Retinal hemorrhage, left eye		
	Retinal hemorrhage, bilateral		
H35.711	Central serous chorioretinopathy, right eye		
H35.712	Central serous chorioretinopathy, left eye		
H35.713	Central serous chorioretinopathy, bilateral		
H35.721	Serous detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, right eye		
H35.722	Serous detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, left eye		

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Code		
H35.723	Serous detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, bilateral	
H35.731	Hemorrhagic detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, right eye	
H35.732	Hemorrhagic detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, left eye	
H35.733	Hemorrhagic detachment of retinal pigment epithelium, bilateral	
H36.821	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, right eye	
H36.822	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, left eye	
H36.823	Proliferative sickle-cell retinopathy, bilateral	
H44.2A1	Degenerative myopia with choroidal neovascularization, right eye	
H44.2A2	Degenerative myopia with choroidal neovascularization, left eye	
H44.2A3	Degenerative myopia with choroidal neovascularization, bilateral	

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Note: For Medicare members, to ensure consistency with the Medicare National Coverage Determinations (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), all applicable NCDs, LCDs, and Medicare Coverage Articles should be reviewed <u>prior to</u> applying the criteria set forth in this clinical policy. Refer to the CMS website at https://www.cms.gov for additional information.

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