

2020 Reimbursement for ECP in a Hospital

Endoscopic CycloPhotocoagulation (ECP) is a surgical approach to glaucoma management that has been embraced by ophthalmologists across different specialties: Cataract; Glaucoma; Retina & Pediatric. It can be performed as a stand-alone procedure or in combination with cataract surgery. The benefits include long-term lowering of IOP and reduction or elimination of glaucoma medications*.

Stand-Alone ECP

The CPT Code for ECP is 66711 and is applicable for all stand-alone ECP procedures. ECP can be performed on patients with glaucoma and 66711 can be billed with every ECP surgery performed, even on the same patient.

National Average Unadjusted Medicare Payment

Code	Description	HOPD Fee	Physician Fee
66711	Ciliary body destruction; cyclophotocoagulation, ECP	\$2,021.64	\$513.55

Hospital Outpatient code 66711 has a status indicator of "J1" and is assigned to APC 5491 (Level I Intraocular Procedures).

ECP Combined with Cataract Surgery

Effective January 1, 2020, two new codes, 66987 (66982 + 66711) and 66988 (66984 + 66711) have been created to bundle cataract removal and ECP. Codes 66982, 66984 and 66711 should not be reported when performing ECP in combination with cataract surgery.

National Average Unadjusted Medicare Payment

Code	Description	HOPD Fee	Physician Fee*
66987	Complex Cataract Removal and ECP	\$3,817.90	MAC Discretion
66988	Routine Cataract Removal and ECP	\$3,817.90	MAC Discretion

*Physician fee is contractor-priced. Payment will be determined by the local carrier.

Hospital Outpatient codes 66987 and 66988 have a status indicator of "J1" and are assigned to APC 5492 (Level II Intraocular Procedures).

Combining procedures: Codes listed with "J1" status will be packaged with the primary "J1" service for the claim.

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*Khandan, Sarah; Siegel, Les., et. al. Long-term Follow-up of Combined Phaco and ECP in the Treatment of Mild to Moderate Glaucoma. AGS 2017

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