**QUESTION:** What is Advanced Ophthalmic Systems (AOS®) Anterior software?

**ANSWER:** AOS® Anterior is a software system for personal computers and smart phones to analyze any digital image of the cornea, conjunctiva, vessels, and eyelid, and grade the redness of an eye on a 0-4 scale, with or without fluorescein staining. The images are securely transferred to the AOS Anterior platform in the cloud for analysis.

**QUESTION:** What is the status of the AOS Anterior software with the FDA?

**ANSWER:** The AOS Anterior software is a Class I medical device that can be legally sold in the United States without FDA clearance or approval.

**QUESTION:** What are the indications for AOS Anterior?

**ANSWER:** Ophthalmologists and optometrists may use the AOS Anterior software to objectively grade redness in digital images of the cornea, conjunctiva, sclera, and eyelids due to ocular surface disease, dry eye, blepharitis, allergic conjunctivitis, and contact lens intolerance.

**QUESTION:** Is there a procedure code for AOS Anterior?

**ANSWER:** Software systems per se are not assigned a CPT code; they are an incidental part of extant procedure codes. In this case, external ocular photography (92285) applies when the physician takes the digital images. Alternately, remote evaluation of images (G2010) applies when the patient takes the digital images and the physician interprets them.

**QUESTION:** What diagnoses support a claim for external photography?

**ANSWER:** Most Medicare LCDs contain a variety of valid diagnoses for external photos. The lists vary, but usually include diagnoses related to external and anterior segment diseases involving the lids, lacrimal system, cornea, conjunctiva, anterior chamber and iris.

**QUESTION:** What is the Medicare reimbursement for 92285 and G2010?

**ANSWER:** In 2020, the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for participating physicians allows $22 for 92285 and $12 for G2010. These amounts are per patient and not per eye. External photography (92285) is subject to Medicare’s Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR). This reduces the allowable for the technical component of the lesser-valued test when more than one test is performed on the same day. Other payers set their own rates, which may differ significantly from Medicare’s fee schedule.

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