

Minutes OD Low Vision Workgroup

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1. Codes recognized by VERA Category 4

- a. Codes are supposed to be on the problem list but you may have had difficulty adding it to the problem list with the correct icd-10 code. To get the correct code it needs to be added from the encounter by selecting on the "add to problem list" check box. IF you add it from the problem list tab it will generate a snomed code but the associated ICD10 code may be incorrect. In the past BRS wanted these diagnoses on the problem list for the VERA. We are recommending that you do BOTH; select the diagnosis on the encounter and add it to the problem list.
- b. H54.2 codes are now converted to H54.2x11, H54.x12, H54.2x21 with the new code change this FY. I checked to see if these codes are triggering VERA dollars. Based on veterans with these codes from NY Harbor, it seems that VERA is recognizing the coding change. If you are concerned I would recommend you contact the individual responsible for VERA at your location to see if the veterans that have these codes are triggering VERA. They may go by social security numbers so you may need to provide that info.

2. LV encounter- updates were requested and sent it by Patti Fuhr.

- a. There is no guarantee that they will honor our requests for the encounter additions and not guarantee that they will follow the lay out that was recommended.
- b. RVU codes with zero credit were requested to be put on because if these codes are used more than 1,000 per year we may be able to get RVU assigned to it. We are asking that you add these codes to your encounter as appropriate.

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| 99080 | Special Reports or Forms   |
| V2615 | Telescopic and other compound lens system, including distance vision telescopic, near vision telescopes and compound microscopic lens system |
| V2600 | Hand held low vision aids and other nonspectacle mounted aids  |
| V2610 | Single Lens Spec Mounted Low Vision Device   |

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| 92354 | Fit Spec Mounted Low Vision Device Single Element |
| 92355 | Fit Spec Mount TS or Compound Device              |
| V2118 | Aniseikonic Lens Single Vision                    |
| V2718 | Press-ON prism per lens                           |
| V2715 | Prism per lens                                    |

3. Low Vision APPS: There was a request for a listing of low vision apps for iOS or Android that the LV community is using. If you are using any apps that have been helpful for low vision patients, please send list to Karen ([Karen.brahm2@va.gov](mailto:Karen.brahm2@va.gov)) or Lisa ([lisa.chan-connell@va.gov](mailto:lisa.chan-connell@va.gov)) and we will compile it and send out the list with the minutes. We've heard back for a couple of people so far.
4. Bioptic committee update- Greg was unable to join the call- technical issues on his side, he will be contacting the committee members for a separate call to review what has been done and what still needs to be completed. We still need a representative from VISN 21 Sierra Pacific network and VISN 4 Pennsylvania region.

Our next call will be on June 18, 2018 @ 4PM EST.

**\*\* Great News! The new encounter form is available for upload!  
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Attached to the email are the instructions for upload with the updates in the order that was requested by the field. Per Patti's message:  
Please note that the V codes were again added to the Low Vision Procedure Codes section. This will allow us to capture the events, but the V codes DO NOT capture any RVU, so be sure to use the assistive technology or other low vision codes to capture RVUs. The reason for adding again is so that we can request that VA add RVUs for the appropriate low vision V codes in the future.