

# Corneal Tissue Procurement/Acquisition

This article is for Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) and Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPDs) that submit claims to Medicare for preserving and transporting of corneal tissue.

Medicare makes separate payment for corneal tissue procurement/acquisition when used in corneal transplant procedures described by one of the following Current Procedural Terminology and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes:

- 65710 (Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); anterior lamellar)
- 65730 (Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating (except in aphakia or pseudophakia))
- 65750 (Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating (in aphakia))
- 65755 (Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); penetrating (in pseudophakia))
- 65756 (Keratoplasty (corneal transplant); endothelial and any successor code or new code describing a new type of corneal transplant procedure that uses eye banked corneal tissue)
- V2785 (Processing, preserving, and transporting corneal tissue) should only be reported when corneal tissue is used in a corneal transplant procedure

**Note:** V2785 should not be reported in any other circumstances.

## ASCs

Under the revised ASC payment system, Medicare makes separate payment to ASCs for corneal tissue acquisition.

Payment is based on acquisition cost or invoice.

## HOPDs

Corneal tissue acquisition is paid on a cost basis, not under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System.

To receive cost-based reimbursement, submit charges for corneal tissue acquisition using HCPCS code V2785.

## Claim Submission

- **Paper** - Attach the invoice of the acquisition cost.  
**Note:** Check our Electronic Billing Guide: Chapter 12 -Enforcement of Mandatory Electronic Claim Submission/Administrative Simplification Compliance Act for exceptions to bill paper.
- **EMC** - Report the acquisition cost using the narrative description field, 2300 loop.

## References

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-04, Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 4 [🔗](#)
- CMS IOM, Publication 100-04, Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 14 [🔗](#)