



YAG Guidelines

Capsulotomy is covered by Medicare when EACH of the following criteria are met and clearly documented.

- 1) The patient has decreased ability to carry out activities of daily living including, but not limited to, reading, watching television, driving, or meeting occupational or avocational expectations; and
- 2) The patient has a best corrected visual acuity of 20/40 or worse at distance or near, or additional testing shows one of the following:
 - a. Consensual light testing decreases visual acuity by TWO LINES, or
 - b. Glare testing decreases visual acuity by two lines or more, and
 - c. The patient has determined that he/she is no longer able to function adequately with the current level of visual function.

There are additional criteria, but the main point is to be sure that we all understand that the requirement is 20/40 or worse, or a two line drop in visual acuity by glare testing or consensual light is present.