

## How Does Reimbursement Work for Eye Procedures?

There is nationwide standard used by Medicare and all private health insurers for medical billing, called CPT. If an optometrist and an ophthalmologist MD performed the same procedure, (e.g. removal of a foreign body from the eye; CPT=65205) each would submit their bill for reimbursement using the same code.

Medicare and the different insurance companies may have different reimbursements for the same code, BUT each payor pays the same amount to ophthalmologists and optometrists. See the comparison chart below.



Private and public payors may set different payment amounts, but each payor pays the same amount for both ophthalmologists and optometrists

