Clinical Review Criteria Related to Implantable Miniature Ocular Telescope (IMT) Prosthesis

1. **Criteria for Approval**

   A. The intraocular telescope is indicated for the monocular implantation to improve vision in patients greater than or equal to 75 years of age with stable severe-to-profound vision impairment (corrected distance visual acuity 20/160 to 20/800) caused by bilateral central scomotas associated with untreatable end-stage age-related macular degeneration. Members must have:

      I. Retinal findings of geographic atrophy or disciform scar with foveal involvement as determined by fluorescein angiography

      II. Untreatable end-stage, nonexudative, age-related macular degeneration

      III. Evidence of visually significant cataract (>grade 2)

      IV. Agree to undergo 2-4 sessions of pre- and post -training and assessment with low vision specialist in the use of the external telescope

      V. Achieve a 5 letter improvement on the DTDRS chart with an external telescope during pre-implant evaluation

      VI. Have adequate peripheral vision in the nonaffected eye

2. **What is Not Covered**

   A. Members should not be considered for implantation if they have a minimum endothelial cell density <2000 for age 75-84 or <1800 for members 85 or greater,

   OR

   B. Anterior chamber depths of <3.0 mm or corneal guttae

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3. **Required Documentation:**

A. Clinical notes from surgeon implanting device, including all of the above criteria.

I. HCPC

II. C1840 Lens, Intraocular (Telescopic)

III. CPT

IV. 0308T Insertion of Ocular Telescope Prosthesis including removal of Crystalline Lens

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