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| POLICY TITLE | YAG Procedures: SLT | | |
| CATEGORY | Medical Surgical | POLICY ID NUMBER | 230_NYS |
| AUTHOR DATE | 01/01/2023 | LAST REVIEW DATE | |
| EXCLUSIONS | Applicable to Government Programs in New York State only. | | |

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Applicable Codes:

65855 Trabeculoplasty by (selective) laser surgery (SLT)

Indication and Limitations¹

- Patient is intolerant to topical and/or systemic medical therapy, e.g., drug allergy, or;
- Patient presents with worsening optic nerve damage with/without past gonioscopy and/or failed ALT, and/or visual field loss despite topical and/or systemic medical therapy.
- If performing on patient with pigmentary glaucoma, adequate education of risks/benefits rendered prior to informed consent.
 - When performed in conjunction with Iridotomy, SLT is indicated for immediate pressure reduction.
- It is expected that SLT is performed as medically necessary using the guidelines noted.

Supporting Diagnoses

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| H40.011 – H40.019 | Open angle with borderline findings, low risk |
| H40.021 – H40.029 | Open angle with borderline findings, high risk |
| H40.051 – H40.059 | Ocular hypertension |
| H40.10X0 – H40.10X4 | Unspecified open-angle glaucoma |
| H40.1110 – H40.1194 | Primary open-angle glaucoma |
| H40.1210 – H40.1294 | Low-tension glaucoma |
| H40.1310 – H40.1394 | Pigmentary glaucoma |
| H40.1410 – H40.1494 | Capsular glaucoma with pseudo exfoliation of lens |
| H40.151 – H40.159 | Residual stage of open-angle glaucoma |
| H40.60X0 – H40.63X4 | Glaucoma secondary to drugs |
| Q15.0 | Congenital glaucoma |

¹ Physician attests at time of request submission that physician signed documentation across the full timeframe of treatment rendered (chart, procedures, order, testing interpretation) supports all indications and limitations for service based on this policy and industry billing guidance.

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² Retrieved electronically July 2023