

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES FOR VITRECTOMIES PERFORMED AT THE TIME OF CATARACT EXTRACTION

PHIC PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 28, S. 2004, November 12, 2004

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/df3485526666/>

This circular is issued to facilitate correct assignments of Relative Value Units (RVU) for performance of vitrectomy procedures at the time of cataract surgery.

1. Vitrectomy involves the removal of vitreous from the posterior chamber of the eye and may be performed as an independent procedure or in conjunction with other eye procedures such as cataract extraction.
2. Planned vitrectomy performed at the time of cataract extraction shall be paid provided that an indication specified in the admitting diagnosis supports the performance of the procedure. In such case, payment shall be based on existing rules:

- multiple procedures performed thru a single opening shall be compensated using the procedure with the highest RVU.

- Outpatient services for surgical procedures with total RVU of 201 and above shall be paid based on RVU of 200.

Example 1: Admitting diagnosis: Senile cataract, diabetic retinopathy
Procedures done:

66984 Extracapsular cataract removal w/ insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (one stage procedure), (e.g., irrigation and aspiration)

180

67036 Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach

400

Reimbursement: 67036 at 400 RVU if admitted; 200 RVU only if outpatient case

3. When an unplanned vitrectomy is performed during cataract surgery as a result of intraoperative complication of posterior capsular rupture only the cataract extraction shall be paid.

Example 2: Admitting diagnosis: senile cataract
Procedure done:

66984 Extracapsular cataract removal w/ insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (one stage procedure), (e.g., irrigation and aspiration)

180

67005 Removal of vitreous, anterior approach (open sky technique or limbal incision); partial removal
350

Reimbursement: 66984 only at 180 RVU

These rules shall be applied to all claims with admission dates starting January 1, 2005.

For your information and guidance.

Adopted: 12 Nov. 2004

(SGD.) DR. FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III

Secretary

President and CEO

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.