

LENS IMPLANT

Crystalline Lens Replacement (Cataract or Refractive).
(Use for VISION surgery such as Lens Implantation, Intraocular Lens [IOL],
or cataract surgery with Lens Implant.)

All Classes
(Updated 08/27/2025)

DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Surgery three (3) or more months ago</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full recovery; • Released from post-operative care; and • Off all medications. <p>The individual meets the vision standards for class applied:</p>	<p>Generally, not of aeromedical concern.</p> <p>If the AME can determine the condition is under control and vision meets standards with no symptoms that would interfere with flight or safety related duties such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glare • Halos • Loss of contrast sensitivity • Poor night vision <p>AND the individual meets the vision standards for class applied</p> <p>Reminder: Annotate if correction was needed to meet standards and if so, apply Limitation 102.</p>	<div></div> <p>ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate this information including the reason the surgery was performed (cataracts, visual acuity performance, etc.) in Block 60.</p>
<p>B. Surgery within the past 3 months.</p>	<p>The AME should review a completed and signed Eyes - Lens Implant Status Summary from the ophthalmologist or optometrist.</p> <p>If all items fall into the “YES” column, the individual meets vision standards, and the AME has no concerns:</p>	<div></div> <p>ISSUE</p> <p>Annotate Block 60 and submit the evaluation to the FAA for retention in the file.</p>
<p>C. All others including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complications • Does not meet vision standards • Quality of vision affected 	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note generated from a clinic visit with the treating ophthalmologist no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. It must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed summary of the history of the condition; • Current medications, dosage, and side effects (if any); • Physical exam findings; • Results of any testing performed; 	<div></div> <p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA for a possible Special Issuance</p> <p>Annotate (elements or findings) in Block 60.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis; • Assessment and plan; • Prognosis; and • Follow-up. <p>2. The Clinical Progress Note must specifically include the best corrected visual acuity for distant and near vision (intermediate - if age 50 or older and First or Second Class). If vision standards are not met, that should be discussed. Include if the visual acuity is expected to change.</p> <p>3. Copies of any testing performed (visual fields, etc.)</p>	

Use this table with the [Eyes - Lens Implant Status Summary](#) for:

1. **Monofocal** lens (standard implant). Toric or astigmatism correcting lens.
2. Light adjustable lens (LAL).
3. Presbyopia correcting lens.
 - **Multifocal** or extended depth of focus (EDOF) lens

Also see [Cataracts and Intraocular lenses \(IOL\) Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQS\)](#)