

Retinal Dystrophies (Cone, Rod, Retinitis Pigmentosa)

All Classes
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DISEASE/CONDITION	EVALUATION DATA	DISPOSITION
<p>A. Any history of</p> <p>Note: In most cases, retinal dystrophies (e.g. Cone, Rod, Rod-Cone, Cone-Rod, Retinitis Pigmentosa) are incompatible with medical certification/clearance.</p>	<p>Submit the following for FAA review:</p> <p>1. A current, detailed Clinical Progress Note* generated from a clinic visit with a board-certified Retinal Specialist (subspecialty of ophthalmology), no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam. An FAA 8500-7 or 8500-14 are NOT acceptable. The progress note must include:</p> <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; • diagnosis; • assessment and plan; • prognosis; and follow-up. <p>2. It must specifically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eye specialist's interpretation of any testing performed. • Whether the dystrophy is associated with any medical syndrome. • Any treatments. <p>3. Copies of the most recent testing already performed for this condition such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliable threshold visual fields. • Electroretinography (ERG); • Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT); • Fundus imaging and autofluorescence; • Any other testing already performed. <p>4. Visual acuity testing no more than 90 days prior to the AME exam.</p> <p>*NOTE: Submission of 8500-7 or 8500-14 instead of actual clinical progress notes is NOT acceptable.</p>	<div style="background-color: red; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>DEFER</p> <p>Submit the information to the FAA.</p>