

Talley Eye Care

YAG Guideline

Capsulotomy is covered by Medicare when EACH of the following criteria are met and clearly documented.

- 1. The patient has decreased ability to carry out activities of daily living including (but not limited to) reading, watching television, driving, or meeting occupational or avocational expectations; and**
- 2. The patient has a best-corrected visual acuity of 20/50 or worse at distance or near; or ADDITION TESTING shows one of the following:**
 - a. Consensual light testing decreases visual acuity by TWO LINES, or**
 - b. Glare testing decreases visual acuity by two lines or more;
And the patient has determined that he/she is no longer able to function adequately with the current level of visual function.**

There are additional criteria but the main point is to be sure we all understand that the requirement of 20.50 or worse or a two line drop in visual acuity by glare testing or consensual light testing is present.