

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 10.12
TITLE: SCLERAL SHELL PROSTHESIS

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II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

A. CPT Codes: 67550 and 67560

B. HCPCS Level II Code: V2627

III. DESCRIPTION

A scleral shell prosthesis is a type of hard shell contact lens which covers the outer portion of the eye.

IV. POLICY

A scleral shell prosthesis may be a covered benefit when:

1. the eye is non-functional and shrunken by disease, a scleral shell may preclude the need for surgery and a complete prosthetic eye implant (it also serves to support the surrounding tissue of the eyeball), and

2. used in combination with artificial tears in the treatment of "dry eye" (when the lacrimal gland (tear gland) fails to provide lubrication for the eye, the scleral shell serves to protect against drying and prolongs the life of the artificial tears, when used accordingly, a scleral shell may be considered to be an artificial eye).

V. EXCLUSION

A scleral shell as a cosmetic device.

END OF POLICY