

Subject:	Multifocal and accommodating lenses in combination with cataract operations
Summary:	<p>CVZ has assessed whether the use of multifocal and accommodating lenses after a cataract operation complies with established medical science and medical practice in comparison with standard treatment with monofocal lenses.</p> <p>This is not the case for <i>accommodating</i> lenses, because these involve more risks (blurred vision). <i>Multifocal lenses</i> do have mild adverse events, but these are not regarded as deciding factors. A well-informed patient can weigh these up against the disadvantage of monofocal lenses which will always require supplementary (reading) glasses. This treatment does comply with established medical science and medical practice.</p> <p>Only in extremely exceptional cases will an insured client have an indication for the more expensive multifocal lenses. In all other cases a patient who opts for them will be reimbursed for the costs of the standard treatment with monofocal lenses and pay the remaining costs himself. This enables insurers to satisfy the preferences of patients whilst still working efficiently.</p>
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Care form:	Medical specialist care

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