**Proposed Risk Management Guidelines for Light Adjustable Lenses (LAL)**

**Optometrists Performing Post-Op Adjustments**

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**1. Preoperative Safety Guidelines**

1. Patient selection

Patients must be willing to comply with the postoperative care requirements, including wearing the UV-protective glasses as instructed, keeping all postop visits according to the treatment schedule, and spending the required time at each postop visit. The process is a marathon, not a sprint.

1. Patient education
   * The operating ophthalmologist should provide an overview of the LAL technology and describe the complete process through the final lock-in visit. If the patient cannot understand or comply with the necessary instructions, the primary caregiver or POA must attend so that they understand the importance of adhering to the postop requirements.
   * Other educational material may be helpful, such as information from the manufacturer <https://www.rxsight.com/us> that can be posted to your website.
2. Set appropriate expectations

* Visual acuity and refractive correction goals are not guaranteed even with LAL technology.
* The patient may still need reading and/or distance glasses.
* Anticipated costs are not covered by insurance.

1. Informed consent

* Use an LAL-specific informed consent *link to OMIC consent*
* Obtain the patient’s consent to comanagement.

1. Staff education and office flow

* Educate staff regarding the LAL protocol and billing/coding. Visit [aao.org/coding](https://www.aao.org/practice-management/coding) for more information.
* Review office workflows and adjust as necessary due to the impact of more and longer-lasting postop visits as compared to non-LAL cataract surgery.

**2. Postoperative Light Adjustments**

Post-op LAL adjustments may be performed by an optometrist (OD), provided that:

a. The OD is an employee of the insured ophthalmologist/OMIC practice.

b. The state law where the service is rendered does not preclude optometrists from performing LAL adjustments.

c. The OD has full and appropriate licensure for the state in which the service is rendered.

d. The OD is fully trained by the manufacturer or via a similar training program.

e. An MD/DO (fully trained in the procedure) is immediately available on-site or electronically to assist with LAL adjustment-related problems or questions.

f. The patient consents in writing to the performance of post-op LAL adjustments by an OD.