



## UEI Coding Alert # 17 February 15, 2006

### **Billing Pachymetry Correctly**

*Can you bill Pachymetry two units of service when performed on both eyes?*

**The Answer is No.** Report 76514 without modifiers, regardless of whether the ultrasound was performed unilaterally or bilaterally. Code 76514 (*Ophthalmic ultrasound, diagnostic; corneal pachymetry, unilateral or bilateral {determination of corneal thickness}*) is a bilateral CPT code. Note the phrase "unilateral or bilateral" in the description; it indicates that the insurance carriers will pay the same amount whether you perform it on one eye or both eyes.