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The complaint concerned the decision of the Scheme in declining to fund the Member's cataract consultation for diagnosis of *Senile cataract, unspecified; ICD-10 H25.9* from Risk Benefits.

In responding to the complaint, the Scheme indicated that some of the claims were reworked and funded from Risk benefits. The Scheme indicated further that it maintains that the *Optical Coherent Tomography (OCT) of Optic nerve or macula: Per eye* test was correctly rejected for funding in-line with the Member's plan benefits. The test is not included in the basket of care for cataract as it is not considered PMB level of care for cataract screening. According to the Scheme, the Member's plan benefits does not provide cover for out of hospital workup tests outside of PMBs.

The issue which fell for determination was whether the Scheme is correct in declining funding for the *Optical Coherent Tomography (OCT) of Optic nerve or macula: Per eye* test.

Upon investigation, the Complainant failed to provide clinical evidence to support the request for funding from risk benefits. Therefore, this matter was adjudicated in the absence of the clinical evidence from the Member. In the absence of PMB confirmation, the scheme rules and applicable criteria apply.

It was to this end that a ruling was issued confirming that the Scheme's funding decision was correct. The Complaint was dismissed.