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To: All Indiana Health Coverage Programs Ambulatory Surgical Centers and Hospitals

Subject: New Technology Intraocular Lenses

Overview

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers that the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will provide additional reimbursement to hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) for outpatient placement of New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs). The additional reimbursement for NTIOLs is effective April 4, 2001. The additional reimbursement is available to cover the cost of the lens that is not included in the normal ASC pricing.

NTIOLs

NTIOLs are intraocular lenses (IOLs) that the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has identified as being superior to other IOLs of the same category because of a demonstrated decrease in postoperative complications.

Effective April 4, 2001, new HCFA Common Procedures Coding System (HCPCS) codes will become effective for NTIOL reimbursement by IHCP. These codes are the following:

- *Q1001* – New Technology Intraocular Lens, Category 1, Characteristic: Multifocal
- *Q1002* – New Technology Intraocular Lens, Category II, Characteristic: Reduction in Preexisting Astigmatism

Submitting Claims

Any facility reimbursed at an ASC rate should submit claims for surgical insertions of IOLs using the Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 66983, 66984, 66985, or 66986 and the appropriate revenue code on a UB-92 claim form. The NTIOL claim must be submitted on a separate HCFA-1500 claim form using the facility's durable medical equipment (DME) provider number. The appropriate Q-Code will be reimbursed at an allowed rate of \$50 for each implanted NTIOLs lens.

Additional Information

Questions about this bulletin may be directed to the Health Care Excel Medical Policy Department at (317) 347-4500. Questions about the billing procedures referenced in this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800 577-1278.