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Information for Medicare Fee-for-Service Health Care Professionals

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## *Cessation of Additional \$50 Payment for New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs)*

**Note:** This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

### Provider Types Affected

Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) that bill Medicare carriers for Intraocular Lenses (IOL)

### Provider Action Needed

Effective for dates of service on or after May 19, 2005, HCPCS codes Q1001 and Q1002 expire for services performed in ASC settings. Previously, Medicare paid an additional \$50 payment to ASCs for NTIOLs billed with Q1001 and Q1002, but the five-year payment adjustment period for these codes expires on May 19, 2005.

### Background

In 1999, Section 1833 (i)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act (the Act) required that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) establish a process that designated particular intraocular lenses (IOLs) as "new technology" and these IOLs became eligible for an additional \$50 adjustment for NTIOLs (codes Q1001 and Q1002). This payment was effective from May 18, 2000, to May 18, 2005, and could be billed only by the ASC.

For dates of service on or after May 19, 2005, Medicare carriers will no longer pay the \$50 additional payment to ASCs on claims for NTIOLs billed with HCPCS codes:

- **Q1001**(Category 1, AMO Array Multifocal lens: Model # SA40N); and
- **Q1002** (Category 2, Elastic Ultraviolet-Absorbing Silicone Posterior Chamber Lens).

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## Implementation

The implementation date of CR3901 is October 3, 2005.

## Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change may be found by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R639CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

For additional information relating to this issue, please refer to your carrier. To find their toll free phone number, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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