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

### Key Words

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### Provider Types Affected

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

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is May 19, 2005.
- The implementation date is October 3, 2005.
- Section 1833 (i)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act required that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) establish a process that designated particular intraocular lenses (IOLs) as "new technology."
- IOL codes Q1001 and Q1002 became eligible for an additional \$50 adjustment for NTIOLs.
- This additional payment was effective from May 18, 2000, to May 18, 2005, and could be billed only by the ASC.
- Medicare carriers no longer pay the \$50 additional payment to ASCs on claims, for dates of service on or after May 19, 2005, for NTIOLs billed with Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) codes:
  - Q1001 (Category 1, AMO Array Multifocal lens: Model # SA40N); and
  - Q1002 (Category 2, Elastic Ultraviolet-Absorbing Silicone Posterior Chamber Lens).

### Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3901.pdf> on the CMS website.

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