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### *Implementation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Ruling 05-01 Regarding Presbyopia-Correcting Intraocular Lenses (IOLs) for Medicare Beneficiaries*

#### Key Words

Intraocular, Lenses, IOLs, Presbyopia, MM3927, CR3927, Payment, Cataract, CPT, ABN, Refractive

#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare carriers or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for IOLs

#### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is May 3, 2005.
- The implementation date is September 6, 2005.
- CMS ruling 05-01 clarified payment rules that enable Medicare beneficiaries to have the choice of receiving presbyopia-correcting IOLs.
- A beneficiary may request insertion of a presbyopia-correcting IOL in place of a conventional IOL following cataract surgery.
- The beneficiary is responsible for payment of that portion of the charge for the presbyopia-correcting IOL and associated services that exceed the charge for insertion of a conventional IOL following cataract surgery.
- For services furnished on or after May 3, 2005, the following are considered "presbyopia-correcting IOLs" by CMS:
  - Crystalens™, manufactured by Eyeonics, Inc.
  - AcrySof RESTOR™, manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.
  - ReZoom™, manufactured by Advanced Medical Optics, Inc.

- An outline of the policies that resulted from CMS ruling 05-01 can be found on pages 2 through 5 of MLN Matters article MM3927 and include:
  - Payment policy for facility services and supplies;
  - Payment policy for physician services and supplies;
  - Coding requirements;
  - Beneficiary liability; and
  - Provider notification requirements.
- The actual CMS 05-01 ruling may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Rulings/downloads/CMSR0501.pdf> on the CMS website.

### Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3927.pdf>

For complete details, affected providers should see the official instruction issued to their carrier or intermediary regarding this change, which may be found by going to <http://cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R636CP.pdf> on the CMS website.