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Payments to Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) for New CPT Code 66711

Note: This article was updated on February 7, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers billing carriers for services involving ciliary body destruction

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) inadvertently failed to include the new CPT code 66711 (ciliary body destruction, cyclophotocoagulation, endoscopic) in the ASC list on January 1, 2005. CPT 66711 should have been added to the list effective January 1, 2005.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

This article and related CR3817 provide information on the appropriate CPT code for endoscopic treatment involving ciliary body destruction.



GO – What You Need to Do

Awareness of and implementation of these revised coding guidelines will help Medicare make prompt and correct payments for this procedure.

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Background

On an annual basis, the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel revises and updates the CPT codes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) found that CPT code 66711, Ciliary body destruction, cyclophotocoagulation, endoscopic, inadvertently was not added to the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) list. CMS will add CPT code 66711, Ciliary body destruction, cyclophotocoagulation, endoscopic, to the ASC list of covered procedures in the July 2005 update, with an effective date of January 1, 2005.

Prior to January 1, 2005, the procedure was included in the 2004 CPT code 66710, Ciliary body destruction, cyclophotocoagulation that was included in the ASC list. The existing code 66710 was revised to read Ciliary body destruction; cyclophotocoagulation, transscleral and 66711 was created, effective January 1, 2005.

Note: You may bill procedures performed between January 1, 2005 and July 1, 2005 retroactively using the new code 66711, and payment may be made at the group 2 level.

To see the official instruction regarding this update to the 2005 ASC list, go to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1550TN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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