



# Important Provider Notice



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## PA Medicare Policy Updates Effective May 1, 2022

### An Update for Medicare Providers and Clinicians

#### Annually Reviewed Medical Policies with Changes

##### MP-001-MC-PA Cataract Extraction (including Complex Cataract Surgery)

Updated CMS hyperlinks and Reference Sources section. Updated the code descriptions for the following Group 1 CPT codes: 66840, 66850, 66852, 66920, 66940, 66983, & 66984. Added CPT code 66988 to Group 1. Added CPT codes 66982 & 66987 to Group 2. Added the following ICD-10 codes to Group 1: E08.36, E09.36, E10.36, E11.36, E13.36, H20.21, H20.22, H20.23, H25.011, H25.012, H25.013, H25.031, H25.032, H25.033, H25.041, H25.042, H25.043, H25.091, H25.092, H25.093, H25.11, H25.12, H25.13, H25.21, H25.22, H25.23, H25.811, H25.812, H25.813, H25.89, H26.001, H26.002, H26.003, H26.011, H26.012, H26.013, H26.031, H26.032, H26.033, H26.041, H26.042, H26.043, H26.051, H26.052, H26.053, H26.061, H26.062, H26.063, H26.09, H26.101, H26.102, H26.103, H26.111, H26.112, H26.113, H26.121, H26.122, H26.123, H26.131, H26.132, H26.133, H26.211, H26.212, H26.213, H26.221, H26.222, H26.223, H26.231, H26.232, H26.233, H26.31, H26.32, H26.33, H26.411, H26.412, H26.413, H26.491, H26.492, H26.493, H26.8, H27.111, H27.112, H27.113, H27.121, H27.122, H27.123, H27.131, H27.132, H27.133, H28, H40.51X1, H40.51X2, H40.51X3, H40.51X4, H40.52X1, H40.52X2, H40.52X3, H40.52X4, H40.53X1, H40.53X2, H40.53X3, H40.53X4, H40.89, H59.021, H59.022, & H59.023. Added the following ICD-10 codes to Group 2: E08.36, E09.36, E10.36, E11.36, E13.36, H20.21, H20.22, H20.23, H21.221, H21.222, H21.223, H21.261, H21.262, H21.263, H21.271, H21.272, H21.273, H21.29, H21.531, H21.532, H21.533, H21.561, H21.562, H21.563, H21.81, H21.89, H22, H25.011, H25.012, H25.013, H25.031, H25.032, H25.033, H25.041, H25.042, H25.043, H25.11, H25.12, H25.13, H25.21, H25.22, H25.23, H25.811, H25.812, H25.813, H25.89, H26.001, H26.002, H26.003, H26.011, H26.012, H26.013, H26.031, H26.032, H26.033, H26.041, H26.042, H26.043, H26.051, H26.052, H26.053, H26.061, H26.062, H26.063, H26.09, H26.101, H26.102, H26.103, H26.121, H26.122, H26.123, H26.131, H26.132, H26.133, H26.20, H26.211, H26.212, H26.213, H26.221, H26.222, H26.223, H26.31, H26.32, H26.33, H26.8, H27.111, H27.112, H27.113, H27.121, H27.122, H27.123, H27.131, H27.132, H27.133, H28, H40.51X1, H40.51X2, H40.51X3, H40.51X4, H40.52X1, H40.52X2, H40.52X3, H40.52X4, H40.53X1, H40.53X2, H40.53X3, H40.53X4, H40.89, H57.09, Q12.1, Q12.2, Q12.4, Q12.8, Q13.0, Q13.1, & Q13.2.

##### MP-093-MC-PA Gastrointestinal Pathogen (GIP) Panels Utilizing Multiplex Nucleic Acid Amplification Techniques (NAATs) (L38229)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated Reference Sources section. Updated the code descriptions for the following CPT codes: 87505, 87506, 87507 & 0097U.

##### MP-089-MC-PA Hypoglossal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (L38385)

Updated CMS hyperlinks and Reference Sources section. Added the following CPT codes: 64582, 64583, & 64584. The following procedure codes were removed: 0466T, 0467T, & 0468T.

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[MP-066-MC-PA Spinal Cord Stimulation \(Dorsal Column Stimulation\) \(L35450\)](#)

Updated CMS hyperlinks and Reference Sources sections. Updated the CPT code description for the following codes: 63650, 63655, & 63685 per AMA guidance.

**Annually Reviewed Medical Policies without Changes**

[MP-053-MC-PA Electrocardiographic Services \(NCD 20.15\)](#)

No changes to clinical criteria. Updated CMS hyperlinks and Reference Source section.

**Retired Policies**

[MP-047-MC-PA Self-Contained Pacemaker Monitors \(NCD 20.8.2\)](#)

Policy will be retired, as HealthHelp will be handling the topic of pacemakers. Policy retirement date will be back-dated to 02/13/2022 when HealthHelp policies became effective.

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