

## Final Comments and Responses

### Category III Codes

Comment: WPS Medicare received multiple emails and one speaker at our Open Meeting requesting the addition of CPT Code 0100T; Placement of a subconjunctival retinal prosthesis receiver and pulse generator, and implantation of intra-ocular retinal electrode array, with vitrectomy.

Response: The American Medical Association (AMA) develops temporary Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Category III codes to track the utilization of emerging technologies, services, and procedures. The CATEGORY III CPT Code description does not establish a service or procedure as safe, effective or applicable to the clinical practice of medicine.

1. The creation of a CPT Category III code by the AMA "neither implies nor endorses clinical efficacy, safety or the applicability to clinical practice."
2. Acceptance by individual health care providers, or even a limited group of health care providers, does not indicate general acceptance by the medical community. Testimonials indicating such limited acceptance, and limited case studies distributed by sponsors with financial interest in the outcome, are not sufficient evidence of general acceptance by the medical community. The available published evidence must be considered and its quality shall be evaluated before a conclusion is reached.

WPS Medicare did receive multiple requests for the addition of 0100T to Draft LCD #DL35490, Category III Codes. At this time it has been decided that not enough scientific, peer-reviewed literature was submitted to substantiate the addition of the CPT Code 0100T to our policy. If a provider believes that this Category III code qualifies for coverage in the future (is proven to be safe and effective as well as reasonable and necessary), that provider may request inclusion of the Category III code in this LCD through the LCD Reconsideration Process. Peer reviewed scientific evidence is required for consideration.