Local Coverage Article: Implantable Miniature Telescope (IMT) for Macular Degeneration (A53501)

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## Article Information

### General Information

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

The Implantable Miniature Telescope (IMT) is a prosthetic device in the form of a miniature telescope, implanted monocularly to enlarge the retinal image of the central visual field and reduce the impact of untreatable, severe-to-profound vision-impairing central scotomas associated with end stage age related macular degeneration (ARMD).

The implantable miniature telescope is considered medically reasonable and necessary only for patients who meet ALL of the following criteria:

- 65 years of age or older; and
- Diagnosis of stable, untreatable, severe-to-profound central vision impairment caused by blind spots (bilateral central scotoma) associated with end stage ARMD as determined by fluorescein angiography (findings of geographic atrophy or disciform scar with foveal involvement); and
- Evidence of a visually significant cataract (grade 2 or higher); and
- Corrected distance Snellen visual acuity poorer than 20/160 but no worse than 20/800; and
- No active wet ARMD (no sign of active choroidal neovascularization in either eye); and
- Have no sign of eye disease other than well controlled glaucoma; and
- Have not been treated for wet ARMD in the previous 6 months; and
- Achieve at least a 5 letter improvement on the Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) visual acuity chart in the eye scheduled for surgery using an external telescope; and
- Agree to undergo 2 to 4 pre-surgical training sessions with a low vision specialist (optometrist or occupational therapist); and
- Agree to participate in postoperative visual rehabilitation with a low vision specialist; and
- Complete and agree to the 'Acceptance of Risk and Informed Consent Agreement' provided in the device labeling documentation.

Note: Palmetto GBA expects performing providers to obtain adequate training prior to procedure performance. Medical records may be subject to review and/or denial if criteria are not documented and IMT contraindications are identified.

Coding Information

Bill Type Codes:

Contractors may specify Bill Types to help providers identify those Bill Types typically used to report this service. Absence of a Bill Type does not guarantee that the article does not apply to that Bill Type. Complete absence of all Bill Types indicates that coverage is not influenced by Bill Type and the article should be assumed to apply equally to all claims.

N/A

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N/A

**CPT/HCPCS Codes**

**Group 1 Paragraph:**
Do not report 0308T in conjunction with 65800 through 65815, 66020, 66030, 66600 through 66635, 66761, 66825, 66982 through 66986 or operating microscope code 69990.

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**ICD-10 Codes that are Covered**

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**ICD-10 Codes that are Not Covered**

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Under Article Text the verbiage was revised for clarification. Under the bullet CPT Code 0308T added the full description of the service. The paragraph stating, “Do not report...” was moved under the CPT/HCPCS Codes section of the LCD. Under CPT/HCPCS Codes added verbiage to the paragraph “Do not report...” Under Statutory Requirements URL(s) deleted the cited url.

10/01/2015  R3  Under Covered ICD-10 Codes place H35.31 in this section of the article.
10/01/2015  R2  Under Article Text changed the qualifying age 75 to 65 years of age or older.
10/01/2015  R1  Added HCPCS codes from Article Text to the HCPCS Coding section.

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