Is your practice up to speed on the new codes for minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS)?

What Changed on Jan. 1? 
**0191T and 0376T deleted.** On Jan. 1, 2022, CMS deleted Category III code 0191T, Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir; internal approach, into the trabecular meshwork; initial insertion. The agency also deleted the add-on code +0376T for extra stents.

**New codes.** 0191T was replaced by two Category I codes (66989 and 66991) and a Category III code (0671T):

- **66989** Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1-stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (e.g., irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification); with insertion of intraocular (e.g., trabecular meshwork, supraciliary, suprachoroidal) anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir, internal approach, one or more.

- **66991** Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1-stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (e.g., irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification); with insertion of intraocular (e.g., trabecular meshwork, supraciliary, suprachoroidal) anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir, internal approach, one or more.

- **0671T** Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device into the trabecular meshwork, without external reservoir, and without concomitant cataract removal, one or more.

**Hydrus, iStent, or iStent Inject**

If you combine cataract surgery with insertion of a Hydrus (Ivantis), iStent (Glaukos), or iStent Inject, submit 66991 if the cataract surgery is traditional and 66989 if it is complex.

**Preauthorization tip.** As the need for complex cataract surgery isn’t always known preoperatively, seek preauthorization for 66989 as well as for 66991.

**Allowables.** It is wise to check each payer’s allowable for a new code.

**Xen Gel Stent**

Coding for the Xen Gel Stent (Allergan) is the same as in 2021.

**With cataract.** When inserting the Xen stent in conjunction with a cataract procedure, submit Category III code 0449T plus either 66984 (traditional cataract surgery) or 66982 (complex).

**Stand-alone procedure.** When Xen insertion is a stand-alone procedure:
- If ab interno, submit 0449T, along with +0450T for each additional device.
- If ab externo, submit 66183 Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir; external approach.

**Canaloplasty and MIGS**

**Canaloplasty.** When a 360-degree viscodilation is performed, submit 66174 Transluminal dilation of aqueous outflow canal; without retention of device or stent, canaloplasty. (Note: If you inject viscoelastic into a limited portion of the canal via an opening created through the trabecular meshwork, don’t use 66174. Use 66999 Unlisted procedure, anterior segment of eye.)

**With Hydrus or iStent.** What if you combine canaloplasty with insertion of a Hydrus or iStent device?
- If there was no concurrent cataract surgery, submit 66174 plus 0671T.
- If combined with cataract surgery, submit 66174 plus either 66989 (complex cataract surgery) or 66991 (traditional cataract surgery).

**With Xen.** If you combine canaloplasty with insertion of the Xen device, submit 66174 and 0449T, along with +0450T for each additional device. If you also combined cataract surgery, submit those codes plus 66984 or 66982 for traditional or complex cataract surgery, respectively.

**More Online.** For another scenario, see this article at aao.org/eyenet.