

MIGS Update—How to Code for Combined Glaucoma Procedures

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), complex, requiring devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery (e.g., iris expansion device, suture support for intraocular lens, or primary posterior capsulorhexis) or performed on patients in the amblyogenic developmental stage; 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.

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