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## Fact Sheet: Coding for iStent, iStent *inject*, iStent infinite and Hydrus

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### Category III Code 0671T

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

### 0671T Replaced 0191T and +0376T Effective January 1, 2022

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**Deleted codes: 0191T and +0376T** are no longer valid at the start of 2022:

- **0191T** Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir; internal approach, into the trabecular meshwork; initial insertion
- **+0376T** Insertion of anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir; internal approach into the trabecular meshwork; each additional device insertion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

### Coding Clues

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**0671T** represents Hydrus, iStent, iStent *inject* and iStent infinite as the description states “one or more.”

**Stand-alone procedure** that does not require concomitant cataract surgery

**Payment is at each payer’s discretion.** As a Category III code for new technology, the procedure has not been valued by the Relative Update Committee.

**When preauthorizing**, ask for an allowable.

**For the Medicare Part B patient**, obtain an ABN and append modifier -GA to **0671T**.

**Sunset January 2027**

**iStent infinite is currently the only device with** FDA-approval as a stand-alone procedure.

### What to Report When Used in Conjunction with Cataract Surgery

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**For complex cataract**, report CPT code **66989** Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1-stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (eg, irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification), complex, requiring devices or techniques not generally used in routine cataract surgery (eg, iris expansion device, suture support for intraocular lens, or primary posterior capsulorrhexis) or performed on patients in the amblyogenic developmental stage; with insertion of intraocular (eg, trabecular meshwork, supraciliary, suprachoroidal) anterior segment aqueous drainage device, without extraocular reservoir, internal approach, one or more.

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

**Note:** Link both glaucoma and cataract ICD-10 codes.

**iStent, iStent *inject*, iStent infinite and Hydrus** *continued*

Implanted in aphakic and pseudophakic patient

Performed with lens exchange and secondary IOL

Submit 0671T

**Modifiers**

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-RT Right eye

-LT Left eye

Typically, Category III codes do not recognize modifiers -54, -55 or -79.

**To Remove**

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Use CPT code **65920** Removal of implanted material, anterior segment of eye.

If removed within the **global period** of the cataract surgery, append modifier -78 Unplanned return to the operating/procedure room by the same physician following initial procedure for a related procedure during the global period.

**Do not begin a new global period.** Continue the 90-days global period from the original cataract/MIGS surgery.

Payment will be **70%** of the allowable.

**To Reposition**

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Report **66999** Unlisted procedure, anterior segment of eye

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**66830, 66982, 66984, 66988, 66989, 66991**