

CMS Recognized P-C IOLs and A-C IOLs

NOTE: This document will be revised as lenses recognized as P-C IOLs and A-C IOLs are added to the list below.

Background The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rulings are decisions of the Administrator that serve as precedent final opinions, orders, and statements of policy and interpretation. They provide clarification and interpretation of complex or ambiguous provisions of the law or regulations relating to Medicare, Medicaid, utilization and peer review by Quality Improvement Organizations, private health insurance, and related matters.

The CMS rulings are binding for all CMS components, including Medicare contractors, the Provider Reimbursement Review Board, the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board, and Administrative Law Judges who hear Medicare appeals. These rulings promote consistency in interpretation of policy and adjudication of disputes.

On May 3, 2005, CMS issued CMS Ruling 05-01, which sets forth CMS policy concerning the requirements for determining payment for the insertion of P-C IOLs to replace beneficiaries' natural lenses following cataract surgery. On April 27, 2007 CMS issued CMS ruling 1536-R. This ruling sets forth CMS policy concerning the requirements for determining payment for the insertion of A-C IOLs to replace beneficiaries' natural lenses following cataract surgery.

As a result of these rulings, CMS recognizes the lenses listed below as either P-C IOLs or A-C IOLs.

P-C IOLs

Crystalens™, manufactured by Eyeonics, Inc (now Bausch & Lomb).

AcrySof® ReSTOR®, manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.

ReZoom™, manufactured by Advanced Medical Optics, Inc.

Acrysof® ReSTOR® Apodized Diffractive Aspheric Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens (model: SN6AD3), manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.

A-C IOLs

Acrysof® Toric IOL (models: SN60T3, SN60T4, and SN60T5), manufactured by Alcon Laboratories, Inc.

Silicone 1P Toric IOL (models: AA4203TF and AA4203TL), manufactured by STAAR Surgical.

For further information, please reference the CMS transmittals that provide instructions regarding these rulings. These documents can be found at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/01_Overview.asp

For the CMS Ruling concerning P-C IOLs, please reference CR 3927, which can be found under the link for 2005 transmittals.

For the CMS Ruling concerning A-C IOLs, please reference CR 5527, which can be found under the link for 2007 transmittals.