

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Medicare Expands NTIOL Categories

More types of New Technology Intraocular Lenses (NTIOLs) will win coverage under Medicare soon.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** approved an application for NTIOL status from **Advanced Medical Optics** (AMO) for its Tecnis lens. AMO provided evidence that the Tecnis lens compensates for corneal spherical aberrations and improves vision, so CMS created a new class of NTIOLs called "Reduced Spherical Aberration."

Every year, manufacturers can request that their intraocular lenses gain NTIOL status, which makes them eligible for an extra \$50 payment when surgeons provide them in an ambulatory surgery center. The bonus payment lasts five years.