

CATEGORY III CODES GUIDELINES

Information regarding publications incorporated by reference is found in the Introduction Section of the Fee Schedule.

The following Commission guidelines are in addition to the CPT[®] guidelines and represent additional guidance from the Commission relative to unit values for these services. To the extent that a conflict may exist between an incorporated portion of the CPT[®] publication or HCPCS code and a code, guideline, identifier or modifier unique to Arizona, then the Arizona code, guideline, identifier, or modifier shall control. Codes that are unique to Arizona are preceded by an AZ identifier and numbered in the following format: AZxxx.

Category III Codes are temporary codes developed to allow collection of data for emerging technology, services, and procedures. The five (5) character alphanumeric codes contain four numbers with one alpha character in the fifth place. If a Category III Code is available, this code must be reported instead of a Category I unlisted code.