

## CATEGORY III CODES GUIDELINES

This Fee Schedule has been updated to incorporate by reference the 2020 Edition of the American Medical Association's *Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology*, Fourth Edition (CPT<sup>®</sup>-4), including the general guidelines, identifiers, modifiers, and terminology changes associated with the adopted codes. In this Fee Schedule CPT<sup>®</sup> codes that contain explanatory language specific to Arizona are preceded by Δ. Codes, however, that are unique to Arizona and not otherwise found in CPT<sup>®</sup>-4 are preceded by an AZ identifier and numbered in the following format: AZ0xx-xxx. Additional information regarding publications adopted by reference is found in the Introduction of the Fee Schedule.

Category III Codes are temporary codes developed to allow collection of data for emerging technology, services, and procedures. The five 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.

To the extent that a conflict may exist between an adopted portion of the CPT<sup>®</sup>-4 and a code, guideline, identifier or modifier unique to Arizona, then the Arizona code, guideline, identifier or modifier shall control.