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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CHAPTER 4

1. Section 21.1
 - a. Adds Canaloplasty for the treatment of glaucoma (CPT procedure codes 66174 and 66175) which remains unproven and is listed as an Exclusion.
 - b. Adds coverage for Optonal ExPress Mini Glaucoma Shunt (CPT procedure code 0192T) to Reduce Intraocular Pressure (IOP) in the treatment of glaucoma, that cannot be controlled effectively with medications effective April, 1, 2011. Removes the exclusion for this treatment.

CHAPTER 5

2. Section 4.1, Under Exclusions, added PET for the diagnosis of renal mass or possible Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) recurrence is unproven.

CHAPTER 7

3. Section 27.1
 - a. Botulinum toxin A (OnabotulinumtoxinA) injections for laryngeal dystonia (adductor spasmodic dysphonia) and oromandibular dystonia (jaw-closing dystonia) may be considered for cost-sharing.
 - b. Adds coverage for laryngeal dystonia (adductor spasmodic dysphonia) and oromandibular dystonia (jaw-closing dystonia) effective November 14, 1990. These two indications were inadvertently removed from the TPM.

APPENDIX A

4. Added new acronyms.

