

ALABAMA QUALITY ASSURANCE FOUNDATION
Medical Quality Assurance

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 93/96-12

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UTILIZATION REVIEW - QUALITY ASSURANCE DEPARTMENTS**

**TO: ADMINISTRATORS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF - ALL ALABAMA
HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS**

**FROM: H. TERRELL LINDSEY
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

DATE: MARCH 18, 1994

**SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT PAGES (C-35, C36, AND C-37) INVASIVE
PROCEDURES- SCREENING CRITERIA - CATARACT PROCEDURES**

I. PURPOSE:

This General Memorandum is to provide replacement pages for the Medicare Invasive Procedure Screening Criteria to hospitals, Hospital Out-Patient Facilities, and Ambulatory Surgery Centers. Original criteria was provided on diskette per General Memorandum 93/96-08. Updated Cataract Criteria applies to codes 13.11 through 13.71 (ICD-9-CM) and 66840 through 66984 (CPT).

II. Please discard original pages C-35 through C-37. The Foundation will begin using the new pages effectively immediately.

III. If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Ms. Becky Hollingsworth, R.N., Director of Non-Physician Review at (205) 970-1600, Extension 3203.

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Attachment

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