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

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DATE: APRIL 15, 1994

SUBJECT: INVASIVE PROCEDURE CRITERIA:
1. Diskette Clarification
2. Cataract Extraction Replacement Pages

I. PURPOSE

This General Memorandum provides clarification to instructions for printing the criteria from computer diskette and includes replacement pages to the cataract criteria.

II. DISKETTE CLARIFICATION

- A. Following our publishing General Memorandum Number 93/96-12 with its revision to the cataract extraction criteria, providers notified us of a problem experienced with the criteria's replacement pages. This problem occurred at providers who changed the font and/or margins of the text before printing it from the diskette. The font on the diskette is **Courier 10; the line and page margins are set at one inch.**
- B. The diskette's page numbers are set to be unaffected by font or margin changes; however, the text of the criteria is affected by these changes. Therefore, changing either the font or margins will cause the criteria text to print on pages other than the original page numbers.
- C. This will cause confusion as well as difficulty in keeping your criteria updated.

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Since future updates to the criteria and its content pages will refer to specific page numbers for replacement, it is important for your hardcopy of criteria pages to remain in the same order as that on the diskette provided you.

III. CATARACT EXTRACTION REPLACEMENT PAGES

Cataract extraction replacement pages C-35 through C-37 are provided as an update to the criteria. Please discard previous pages C-35 through C-37. The Foundation will begin using the new pages effective immediately.

IV. Please address questions or comments regarding this information to Becky Hollingsworth, R.N., Director, Non-Physician Review at (205) 970-1600, extension 3203 or 1(800) 760-4550, toll free.

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