

INTRACORONARY STENTS

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III. DESCRIPTION

Intracoronary stenting consists of coils or tubes that are positioned within the coronary vessel to provide support or “scaffolding” to the internal vessel architecture. Most stents are metallic coils or tubes and balloon expandable or self-expanding.

IV. POLICY

A. Coronary artery stenting may be cost-shared for the following indications as an adjunct to percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty:

1. To reduce the incident of restenosis; and
2. For acute or threatened vessel closure following balloon angioplasty.

B. Coronary artery stents are covered for treatment of saphenous vein narrowing with previous coronary angioplasty bypass grafting.

C. Intracoronary stents must have FDA approval based on its specific intention.

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V. EFFECTIVE DATES

- A. November 1, 1996, for intracoronary stents.
- B. April 24, 2003, for drug eluting stents.

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