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Second Sight Announces Expansion of Medicare Coverage for Argus II Retinal Prosthesis System to 11 Additional States and the District of Columbia

-- Argus II Can Now Be Covered in Seven of 12 Medicare Administrative Contractor Jurisdictions, representing a total of 28 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia --

SYLMAR, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Second Sight Medical Products, Inc. (NASDAQ:EYES) ("Second Sight" or "the Company"), a developer, manufacturer and marketer of implantable visual prosthetics to provide some useful vision to blind patients, today announced the Argus II® Retinal Prosthesis System ("Argus II") can now be covered by Medicare in seven of the 12 Medicare Administrative Contractor ("MAC") jurisdictions nationwide, representing a total of 28 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia.

The MAC for jurisdictions JH and JL, Novitas Solutions, Inc. ("Novitas") published a local coverage determination removing the Category III Current Procedural Terminology Code that describes the Argus II placement procedure (0100T) from the listing of codes that are considered not reasonable and necessary. This decision authorizes coverage of Argus II, when medically necessary, to Medicare beneficiaries in Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, and the District of Columbia.

By allowing Medicare coverage for Argus II, Novitas joins MACs CGS Administrators (jurisdiction J15), Palmetto GBA (jurisdiction JM), National Government Services (jurisdictions J6 and JK), and First Coast Service Options (jurisdiction JN).

Will McGuire, President and CEO of Second Sight, said, "We are pleased that Novitas has made this important decision to facilitate coverage of the Argus II, which we believe will enable us to offer greater access to patients with Retinitis Pigmentosa and continue to fulfill our mission of providing useful vision to the blind."

Second Sight continues to work with other MACs and payers to secure affirmative coverage policies for the Argus II and to ensure that Medicare beneficiaries nationwide have access to this revolutionary technology.

About the Argus II Retinal Prosthesis System

Second Sight's Argus II System provides electrical stimulation that bypasses the defunct retinal cells and stimulates remaining viable cells inducing visual perception in individuals

with severe to profound Retinitis Pigmentosa. The Argus II works by converting images captured by a miniature video camera mounted on the patient's glasses into a series of small electrical pulses, which are transmitted wirelessly to an array of electrodes implanted on the surface of the retina. These pulses stimulate the retina's remaining cells, intending to result in the perception of patterns of light in the brain. The patient must learn to interpret these visual patterns, having the potential to regain some visual function. The Argus II was the first artificial retina to receive widespread approval, and is offered at approved centers in Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the U.S.

About Second Sight

Second Sight's mission is to develop, manufacture and market innovative implantable visual prosthetics to enable blind individuals to achieve greater independence. Second Sight has developed and manufactures the Argus® II Retinal Prosthesis System. Second Sight is currently conducting a trial to test the safety and utility of the Argus II in individuals with Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration. Second Sight is also developing the Orion™ I Visual Cortical Prosthesis that is intended to restore some vision to individuals who are blind due to many causes other than preventable or treatable conditions. U.S. Headquarters are in Sylmar, CA, and European Headquarters are in Lausanne, Switzerland. For more information, visit www.secondsight.com.

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