



Speech Generating Device Coverage and Documentation Guidelines

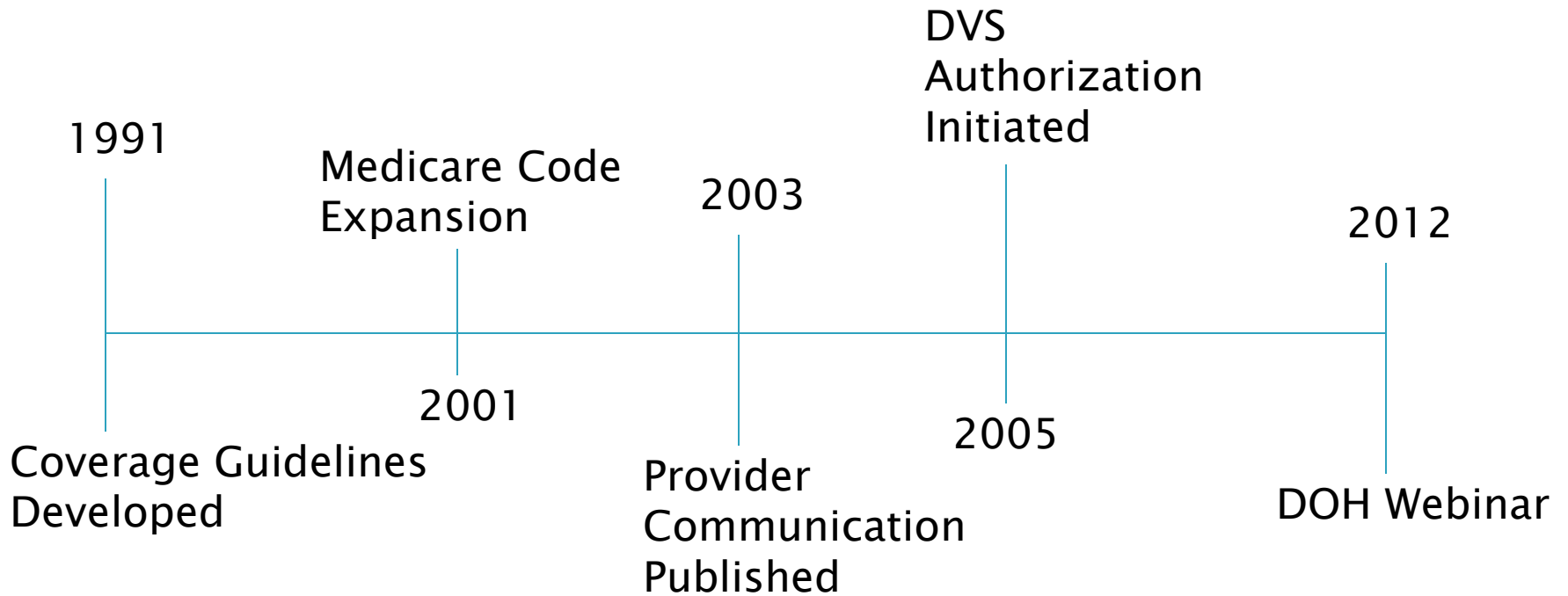
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Purpose

- ▶ History of SGD coverage
- ▶ Provide an overview of the Departments findings
- ▶ Review the highlights of the changes to the coverage criteria* in the SGD guidelines
- ▶ Propose next steps
- ▶ Opportunity for stakeholder input

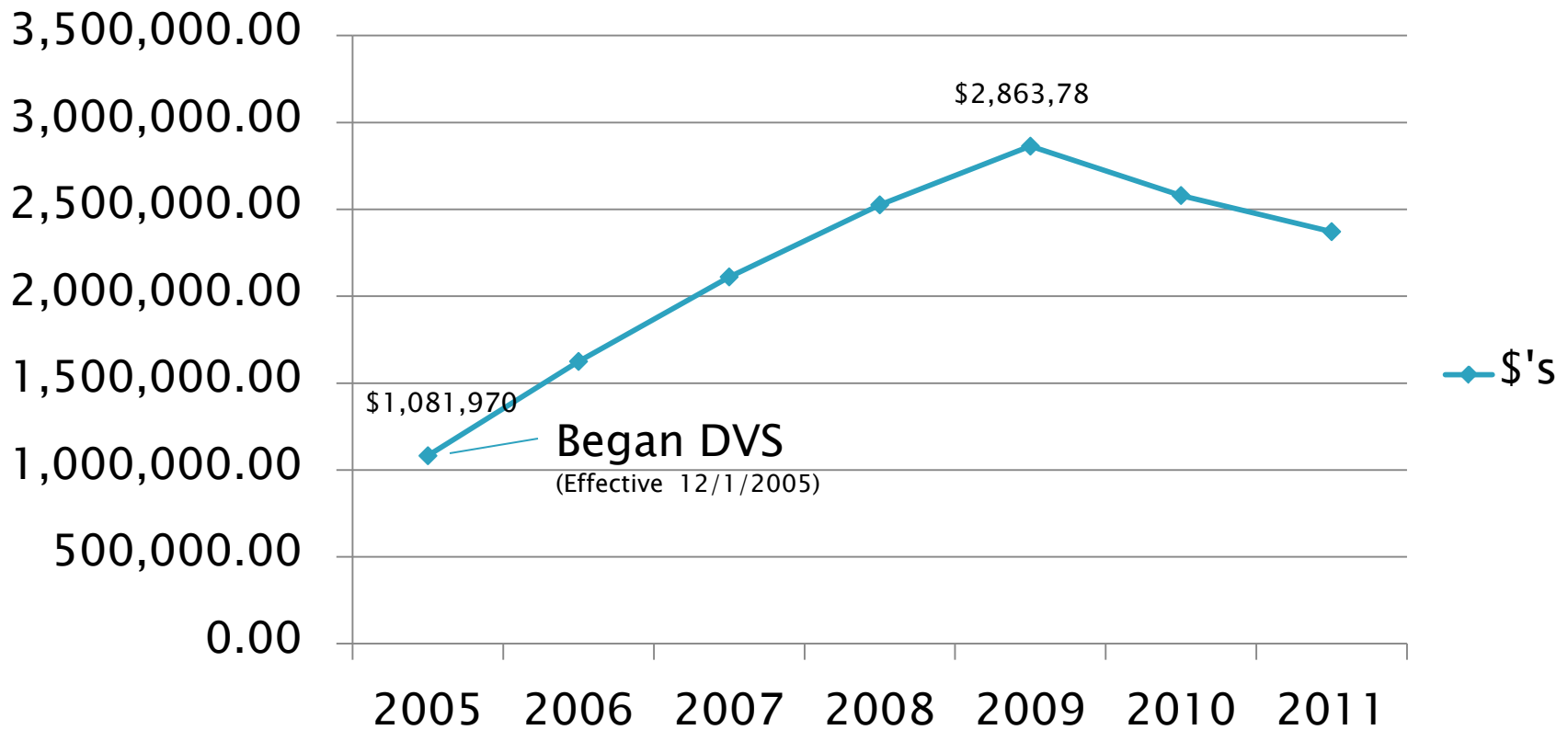
*https://www.emedny.org/providermanuals/DME/PDFS/SGD_DRAFT_Guidelines_for_Posting_08_2012.pdf

Timeline of SGD Coverage



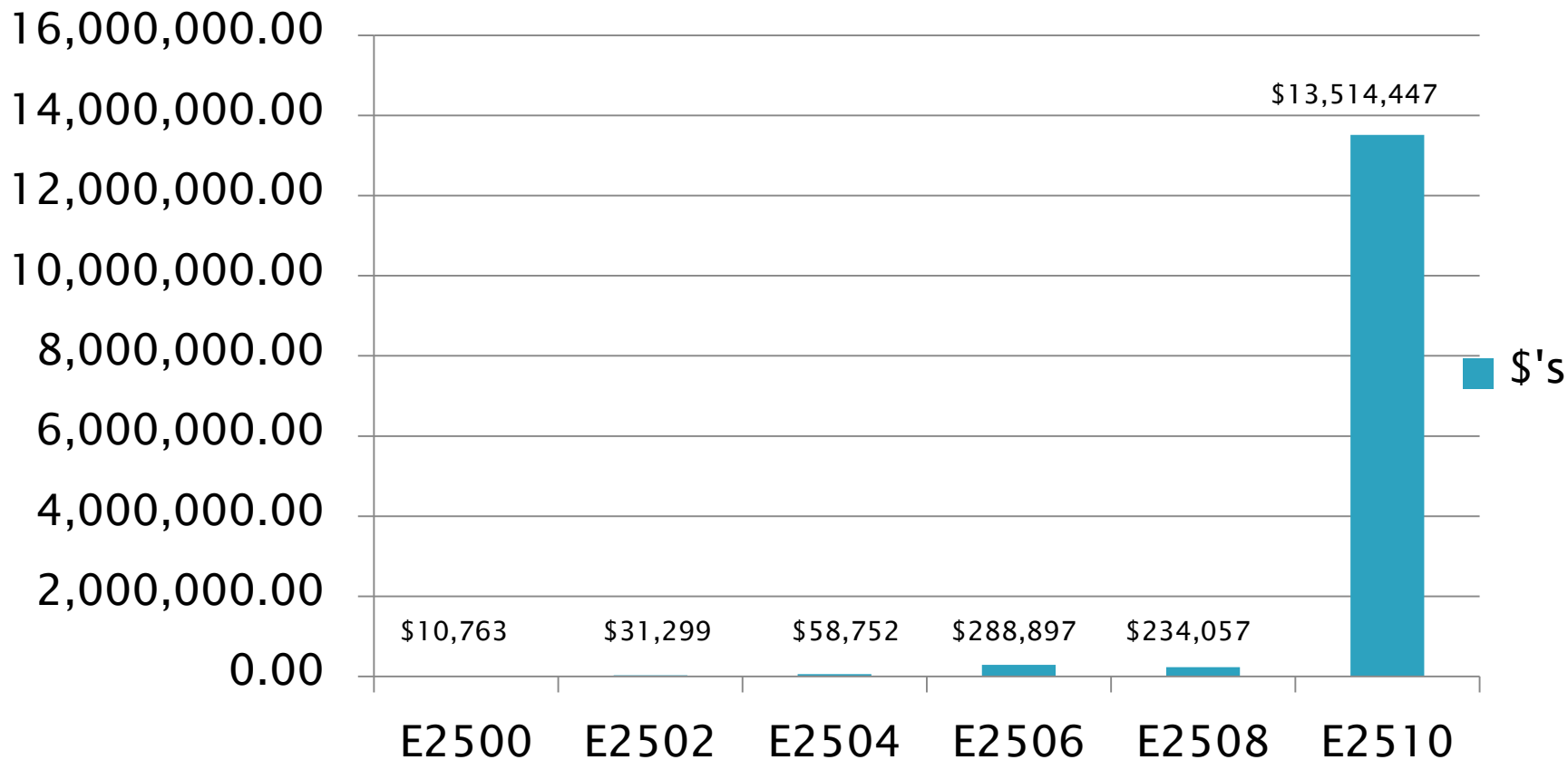
Annual funding for SGD's

All Related SGD Codes



Total Code Specific Funding

Total \$'s 2005-2011



Annual Funding per Code



Other Findings

- ▶ Increase in E2510 for younger beneficiaries
- ▶ Insufficient documentation submitted to support requests
- ▶ High volume and cost of repairs
- ▶ Recognizing changes in technology
- ▶ Need for expansion of coverage

Highlights

- ▶ Updated terminology
- ▶ Clarification regarding expectation of trial period and requirements
- ▶ Expansion of coverage to include software
- ▶ Clarification of clinical documentation requirements
 - new
 - modifications
 - repairs

Evaluation Reports

- ▶ Updated terminology
- ▶ Outline format
- ▶ Minimal/Essential components
- ▶ Provided clarity to coverage criteria

Next Steps

- ▶ Opportunity for comments on revised guidelines
- ▶ Return to prior approval?
- ▶ Add software code (DVS or PA)



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