

# Vision

## Vision Examinations

Most plans provide benefits for one routine eye examination per calendar year. The eye examination may be subject to applicable copays and deductibles.

## Billing Guidelines for Vision Exams

Levels of eye examinations constitute a single service entry but need not be performed at one session. This service entity is reimbursed at one fee. Please bill using the appropriate CPT® procedure code for the service(s) rendered.

The service includes:

- History
- External and ophthalmoscopy
- Gonioscopy examination
- Gross visual fields
- Basis sensorimotor examination
- Biomicroscopy examination with cycloplegia or mydriasis
- Tonometry
- Determination of the refractive state.

**Note:** *Exams billed with an illness or injury diagnoses are processed toward the medical office or injury benefit.*

## Self Referred Guidelines

On most managed care plans, a member can self-refer for a routine eye examination to an ophthalmologist or optometrist participating in the practitioner network for the plan in which he or she is enrolled. The PCP must authorize services provided for treatment for a medical condition.

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## Lenses and Frames

Vision hardware (lenses and frames) is usually billed by an optical company; however, a medical practitioner can also supply these items to their members.

Claims for vision hardware are processed according to the member's lens/frame vision benefit, which typically have separate dollar allowances or maximums for lenses and frames.

Not all members have hardware benefits included in their medical coverage. It is important to verify the extent of the member's hardware benefit to determine their financial responsibility. Please contact provider customer service at **1-888-344-5587** if you have any questions.

**Note:** *Charges billed for sales tax, contact lens fitting and/or warranties are not covered.*

## Billing Guidelines for Lenses and Frames

- When billing for vision hardware, please submit claims using the appropriate HCPCS "V" code. If the type of the lens is not specified, the claim will be processed as single vision.
- Be sure to include the number of items purchased in the units column of the CMS-1500 claim form.