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Statutory Authority

CHAPTER AUTHORITY:

[N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1](#) et seq., and [30:4J-8](#) et seq.

History

CHAPTER SOURCE AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

R.2017 d.096, effective April 18, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

CHAPTER HISTORICAL NOTE:

Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, became effective October 18, 1971 as R.1971 d.142. See: 3 N.J.R. 25(c), 3 N.J.R. 178(e).

1973 Revisions: Amendments became effective September 1, 1973 as R.1973 d.197. See: 5 N.J.R. 44(a), 5 N.J.R. 281(b).

1974 Revisions: Amendments became effective August 30, 1974 as R.1974 d.181. See: 6 N.J.R. 65(b), 6 N.J.R. 312(c).

1975 Revisions: Amendments became effective September 1, 1975 as R.1975 d.261. See: 7 N.J.R. 316(c), 7 N.J.R. 465(b).

1979 Revisions: Amendments became effective February 14, 1979 as R.1979 d.60. See: 10 N.J.R. 539(b), 11 N.J.R. 132(c).

1981 Revisions: Amendments became effective July 9, 1981 as R.1981 d.249. See: 13 N.J.R. 293(a), 13 N.J.R. 417(a). Further amendments became effective September 10, 1981 as R.1981 d.331. See: 13 N.J.R. 413(a), 13 N.J.R. 575(a).

1983 Revisions: Subchapters 1, 2 and 4 were readopted pursuant to Executive Order 66(1978) effective December 19, 1983 as R.1983 d.620. See: 15 N.J.R. 1731(a), 16 N.J.R. 144(b).

1986 Revisions: Subchapter 4 was repealed and a new subchapter became effective March 3, 1986 as R.1986 d.52. See: 17 N.J.R. 1519(b), 18 N.J.R. 478(a). Subchapter 3 was readopted pursuant to Executive Order 66(1978) effective March 6, 1986 as R.1986 d.90. See: 17 N.J.R. 2731(b), 18 N.J.R. 689(a). Amendments became effective June 16, 1986 (operative July 1, 1986) as R.1986 d.236. See: 18 N.J.R. 803(a), 18 N.J.R. 1287(a).

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1987 Revisions: Subchapter 3 was substantially amended and recodified effective October 5, 1987 as R.1987 d.408. See: 19 N.J.R. 1155(a), 19 N.J.R. 1800(a).

1988 Revisions: Pursuant to the provisions of [N.J.S.A. 30:4D-2](#), 3, 5, 6 and 7 and the New Jersey Appropriation Act (P.L. 1988 c.47), maximum fee allowance increases for routine visit in 4.3 for August 1, 1988 and May 1, 1989 and also for vision care appliances effective August 1, 1988 and May 1, 1989. See: 20 N.J.R. 2101(a). Subchapters 1, 2 and 3 were repealed and new subchapters 1, 2 and 3 of the "Vision Care Services Manual" became effective December 19, 1988 as R.1988 d.580. See: 20 N.J.R. 956(c), 20 N.J.R. 3147(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was readopted as R.1994 d.6, effective December 7, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a). As a part of R.1994 d.6, existing Subchapter 3, Billing Procedures, and Subchapter 4, referencing HCPCS, were repealed and a new Subchapter 3, HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), was adopted, effective January 3, 1994. See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was readopted as R.1999 d.4, effective December 7, 1998. See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was readopted as R.2004 d.240, effective June 2, 2004. See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was readopted as R.2009 d.341, effective October 20, 2009. See: [41 N.J.R. 2560\(a\)](#), [41 N.J.R. 4304\(a\)](#).

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was scheduled to expire on October 20, 2016. See: [43 N.J.R. 1203\(a\)](#).

Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, was readopted as R.2017 d.096, effective April 18, 2017. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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CHAPTER EXPIRATION DATE:

Chapter 62, Vision Care Services Manual, expires on April 18, 2024.

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§ 10:62-1.1 Scope

This subchapter delineates the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' standards for examinations and care for vision defects and/or eye diseases for the purpose of maintaining or improving the health of New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiaries.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service throughout, and substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients at the end.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" twice, and substituted "programs' " for "programs".

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§ 10:62-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Clinical laboratory services" means professional and technical laboratory services performed by a clinical laboratory certified by CMS in accordance with the Federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA), [42 U.S.C. § 263a](#) and ordered by a physician or other licensed practitioner, within the scope of his or her practice, as defined by the laws of the State of New Jersey and/or of the state in which the practitioner practices.

"CMS" means the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"Low vision" means reduced visual acuity and/or abnormal visual fields from a disorder in the visual system.

"Low vision client" means an individual with an eye disorder, which reduces visual performance and cannot be corrected by conventional methods.

"Low vision follow-up examination" means examinations provided to clients with aids, to monitor progress and problems.

"Low vision service" means a series of comprehensive tests, evaluations, and multidisciplinary referrals provided for the low vision patient, which has as its objective a prescription of low vision aids and instruction/training programs to enhance the low vision patient's performance.

"Ophthalmologist" means a fully licensed medical doctor who has been recognized by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs as a specialist in ophthalmology.

"Optometrist" means any person who is licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Optometry to engage in the practice of optometry, or licensed to engage in the practice of optometry in the state in which he or she performs such functions.

"Practitioner" means a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist, acting within the scope of licensure.

"Transfer" means the relinquishing of responsibility for the continuing care of the beneficiary by one practitioner and the assumption of such responsibility by another practitioner.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

§ 10:62-1.2 Definitions

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In "Ophthalmologist", inserted a reference to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program; and in "Transfer", substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In "Ophthalmologist", substituted "NJ Family Care" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Added definitions "Clinical laboratory services", "CMS", "Low vision", "Low vision client", "Low vision follow-up examination", and "Low vision service"; and in definition "Ophthalmologist", substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-1.3 Providers of professional services

(a) Within the restrictions of their respective licensure, the following are eligible providers of eye care upon fulfilling the Enrollment Process requirements in [N.J.A.C. 10:49-3.2](#):

1. Ophthalmologists or optometrists licensed in the State of New Jersey;
2. Ophthalmologists or optometrists in another state who are duly licensed in that state;
3. Independent clinics approved by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs to render eye care services; and
4. Hospitals meeting the definition of "hospital" at [N.J.A.C. 10:52-1.2](#).

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a)3, inserted a reference to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" in 3.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a)3, substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "programs" for "program"; and rewrote (a)4.

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§ 10:62-1.4 Covered services

Professional services include office visits for evaluation and management, comprehensive eye examinations, low vision examinations, low vision work-ups, vision training work-ups, vision training program visits as well as other specific procedures as listed at [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.2](#). Payment is made subject to the limitations specified under each type of service. In order to determine whether a service requires prior authorization, and for details regarding such prior authorization of services, see [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#).

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Substituted a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#) for a reference [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#) at the end.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Substituted a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#) for a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#).

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Substituted "In order to determine whether" for "If", and inserted "and for details regarding such prior authorization of services,".

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§ 10:62-1.5 Comprehensive eye examination

(a) A comprehensive eye examination may include cycloplegics and a post cycloplegic visit. All findings and data, including positive and negative, shall be clearly recorded. A comprehensive eye examination shall include the following, as a minimum, where possible unless contraindicated:

1. Detailed case history;
2. Complete visual acuity findings;
3. External and internal (ophthalmoscopic) examination including slit lamp;
4. Refraction, objective and subjective;
5. Extra-ocular measurement;
6. Gross visual fields, central and peripheral;
7. Tonometry when indicated for patients under 35; tonometry is mandatory for all patients over 35. The specific method used should be identified and recorded; the finger palpation test is not acceptable;
8. Binocular coordination testing (distance and near), fusion, stereopsis, and color vision;
9. The diagnosis, including, but not limited to, ocular deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly; and
10. Recommendations.

(b) For reimbursement purposes, a comprehensive eye examination shall include all the criteria of a comprehensive eye examination plus complete Diagnostic Visual Fields.

1. Comprehensive eye examinations with diagnostic fields are not routinely reimbursable for complete comprehensive eye examination. Patients should be selected for this additional service based upon history and ophthalmologic findings during the examination if the physical examination suggests the presence of optic or motor nerve abnormalities, or if other significant physical findings are present and documented, diagnostic visual field studies may be selectively employed to establish or to confirm the diagnosis and/or the degree of impairment.
2. A comprehensive eye examination with or without diagnostic fields shall be limited to once a year.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Added (b).

§ 10:62-1.5 Comprehensive eye examination

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Rewrote (a)4 through (a)7 and (a)9.

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§ 10:62-1.6 (Reserved)

History

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.6](#), Low vision examination, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#) by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.6](#), Personal contribution to care requirements for NJ KidCare-Plan C, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.20](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Repealed by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "Low vision examination".

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§ 10:62-1.7 Low vision work-up

For purposes of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, a low vision work-up consists of certain testing techniques and procedures to determine what optical aids and devices can be prescribed for an individual to increase range of vision. A low vision work-up requires a written report and is much more detailed than the low vision examination that follows a complete comprehensive examination.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.7 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Prior text at 10:62-1.6, Routine office visit or follow-up visit, repealed.

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.6](#) by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#), Low vision work-up, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Substituted a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#) for a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#), and inserted a reference to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program. Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#), Low vision examination, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.6](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

§ 10:62-1.7 Low vision work-up

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Deleted the first sentence, and substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ".

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§ 10:62-1.8 Vision training program

(a) For purposes of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, vision training is the use of certain procedures and modalities for the development of and/or increase in the vision capacity of the eye(s) with poor and/or inconsistent or distorted vision localization.

(b) Vision training is limited to orthoptics, with its acceptable procedures and/or modalities, and further limited to the following types of conditions to be treated by private physicians approved for such training by the respective peer group:

1. Strabismus;
2. Amblyopia;
3. Heterophoria; and
4. Accommodative and/or convergence anomalies.

(c) If vision training is required following the initial comprehensive eye examination, the practitioner shall submit a written request (form FD-358) to the Vision Care Unit for prior authorization pursuant to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#) for a vision training work-up. This request shall include the preliminary findings, detailed reason(s) why it is believed a further evaluation is needed, and any history of previous vision training with the dates and the results. Upon receiving approval for a vision training work-up, the practitioner shall then submit, within 30 days of receipt of authorization, the work-up report to the Vision Care Unit. The vision training work-up report shall consist of, but not be limited to:

1. Diagnosis;
2. Findings;
3. Interpretation;
4. Recommendations;
5. Outline of training procedures and frequency of sessions with estimated duration of treatment; and
6. Prognosis.

(d) The decision of the Vision Care Unit to approve or deny vision training will be transmitted to the practitioner by the fiscal agent.

(e) Upon completion of an approved training program, the practitioner shall submit a detailed progress report, listing the status of all parameters indicated in the original evaluation. No treatment plan shall exceed a period of 90 days or a total of 30 training visits, commencing with the inception of the treatment plan. An additional prior authorization is required for any extension of treatment and requires submission of a detailed progress report to the Vision Care Unit.

(f) Vision training may be provided by a practitioner when found medically necessary. This service can be performed in the office or in an independent clinic approved by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.8 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#) and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Substituted a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#) for a reference to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#) at the end of the first sentence. Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#), Vision training program, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (c), substituted references to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#) for references to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#); and in (a) and (f), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program. Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#), Low vision work-up, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.7](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (f), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), deleted the first sentence; in (a) and (f), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ"; in (c), substituted "pursuant to" for "(see", and deleted ")" following the N.J.A.C. reference; and in (f), substituted "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-1.9 Office visits

(a) HCPCS 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99301, 99302, 99303, 99321, 99322 and 99323 are not reimbursable with 92002, 92004, 92012 or 92014 on the same day.

(b) When multiple special ophthalmological services or ophthalmoscopic services are billed on the same day for the same patient in an office setting, reimbursement shall be limited to the highest valued procedure.

(c) When the setting for the initial visit is an office or residential health care facility, for reimbursement purposes it is limited to a single visit. Future use of this category of codes shall be denied when the beneficiary is seen by the same physician, group of physicians, or shared health care facility as defined at [N.J.A.C. 10:49-4.1](#).

(d) Reimbursement for an initial office visit also precludes subsequent reimbursement for an initial residential health care facility visit and vice versa.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.9 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#) and amended by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (c), substituted references to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#) for references to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#). Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#), Professional services requiring prior authorization, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 with changes, effective September 21, 1998.

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#), Vision training program, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.8](#).

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

§ 10:62-1.9 Office visits

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "New patient office visits". Added new (b); recodified former (b) and (c) as (c) and (d); in (c), substituted "as defined at" for ". (See" and "4.1." for "4 for definition of shared health care facility.)"; and deleted former (d).

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History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.10 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.9](#) by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#), Prescription policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#), Professional services requiring prior authorization, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.16](#).

Repealed by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "Established patient office visits".

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§ 10:62-1.11 Emergency room visits

(a) When a physician sees the patient in the emergency room instead of the practitioner's office, the physician shall use the same HCPCS for the visit that would have been used if seen in the physician's office: 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214 or 99215 only. Records of that visit shall become part of the notes in the office chart.

(b) When patients are seen by hospital-based emergency room physicians who are eligible to bill the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, then the appropriate HCPCS shall be used. The "Visit" codes are limited to 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, and 99285.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.11 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#) by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#), Recordkeeping policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.12](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#), Prescription policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.17](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (b), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

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See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), deleted "(" preceding "99211" and ")" following "only"; and in (b), substituted "New Jersey Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ", substituted "programs" for "program", and inserted a comma following "99284".

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§ 10:62-1.12 Inpatient hospital services

(a) To qualify as documentation that the service was rendered by the practitioner during an inpatient stay, the beneficiary's medical record must contain the practitioner's notes indicating that the practitioner personally:

1. Reviewed the beneficiary's medical history with the beneficiary and/or his or her family, depending upon the medical situation;
2. Performed an eye examination, or other procedure;
3. Established, confirmed or revised the diagnosis; and
4. Visited and examined the beneficiary on each date of service for which a claim for reimbursement is made.

(b) An initial hospital visit during a single admission shall be disallowed to the same physician, group, shared health care facility, or practitioners sharing a common record who submit a claim for a consultation and transfer the patient to their service.

(c) When performing corneal tissue transplant surgery, providers shall request and receive prior authorization for HCPCS V2785 (processing, preserving and transplanting corneal tissue). Ophthalmologists shall submit the completed "Request for Prior Authorization of Optical Appliances" to Division staff with the provider's laboratory invoice attached to the request.

1. Ophthalmologists shall not bill for V2785 when the procedure is performed in a hospital.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.12 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#) by R.1998 d.154, effective February 27, 1998 (operative March 1, 1998; to expire August 31, 1998).

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.12](#), Reimbursement policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.13](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

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New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.12](#), Recordkeeping policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.21](#).

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a)4, substituted "each date of service" for "the day(s)".

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§ 10:62-1.13 Consultations

(a) A consultation shall be eligible for reimbursement only when the consultation has been performed by a specialist recognized as such by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs, the request has been made by or through the patient's attending physician, and the need for such a request would be consistent with good medical practice. Two types of consultation shall be eligible for reimbursement: comprehensive consultation and limited consultation.

(b) In order to receive reimbursement for the HCPCS for an office consultation (99244, 99245) or a confirmatory consultation (99274 and 99275), the provider shall perform a total systems evaluation by history and physical examination, including a total systems review and total systems physical examination, or, alternatively, utilize one or more hours of the consulting physician's personal time in the performance of the consultation.

(c) In addition to the recordkeeping requirements of [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.21](#), reimbursement for HCPCS 99244, 99245, 99274, and 99275, related to the provision of a comprehensive consultation, requires that the applicable statements listed below, or language essentially similar to those statements, be inserted in the "remarks" section of the claim form. The claim form shall be signed by the provider who performed the consultation.

1. Examples:

- i. I personally performed a total (all) systems evaluation by history and physical examination; or
- ii. This consultation utilized 60 or more minutes of my personal time.

(d) The following provisions regarding consultations shall also apply:

1. If a consultation is performed in an inpatient or outpatient setting and the patient is then transferred to the consultant's service during that course of illness, the provider shall not bill for an Initial Visit in addition to billing for the consultation.
2. If there is no referring physician, then an Initial Visit HCPCS shall be used instead of a consultation HCPCS.
3. If the patient is seen for the same illness on repeated visits by the same consultant, such visits are considered routine visits or follow-up care visits, and not consultations.
4. Consultation HCPCSs shall be denied in an office or residential health care facility setting if the consultation has been requested by or between members of the same group, shared health care facility or physicians sharing common records. A Routine Visit code is applicable under these circumstances.
5. If a prior claim for a comprehensive consultation visit has been made within the preceding 12 months, then a repeat claim for this code shall be denied if made by the same physician, physician group, shared health care facility or physicians using a common record except in those instances where the consultation required the utilization of one hour or more of the physician's personal time. Otherwise, applicable codes would be Limited Consultation codes if their criteria are met.

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(e) For reimbursement purposes, HCPCS 99241, 99242, 99243, 99251, 99252, 99253, 99271, 99272, and 99273 are considered "limited" because the consultation requires less than the requirements designated as "comprehensive" as noted in (c) above.

(f) When multiple special ophthalmological services or ophthalmoscopic services are billed on the same day for the same patient in an office setting, reimbursement shall be limited to the highest valued procedure.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from 10:62-1.13 and amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

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See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#).

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1998 d.487, effective August 28, 1998.

See: [30 N.J.R. 1060\(a\)](#), [30 N.J.R. 3519\(a\)](#).

Readopted the provisions of R.1998 d.154 without change.

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Former [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.13](#), Reimbursement policies, recodified to [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.22](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Rewrote (a), the introductory paragraph of (c), and (d)1; in the introductory paragraph of (d), inserted "provisions"; in (d)5, substituted "within" for "with"; and in (e), inserted a comma following "99272", and deleted "(Comprehensive consultation)" following "above".

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§ 10:62-1.14 Home services

(a) The home visit HCPCS 99343 and 99353 shall not apply to residential health care facility or nursing facility settings. These HCPCS refer to a physician visit limited to the provision of medical care to an individual who would be too ill to go to a physician's office and/or is "home bound" due to his or her physical condition. When billing for a second or subsequent patient treated during the same visit, the visit shall be billed as a home visit.

(b) For purposes of New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service reimbursement, HCPCS 99341, 99342, 99351, and 99352 apply when the provider visits a New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary in the home setting and the visit does not meet the criteria specified for a home visit in (a) above.

(c) In addition to the recordkeeping requirements indicated in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.21](#), the record and documentation of a home visit shall become part of the office progress notes and shall include, as appropriate, the following information:

1. The purpose of the visit;
2. The pertinent history obtained;
3. Pertinent physical findings, including pertinent negative physical findings based on (c)1 and 2 above;
4. The procedures, if any performed, with results;
5. Lab, X-ray ECG, etc., ordered with results; and
6. A diagnosis(es) plus treatment plan status relative to present or pre-existing illness(es) plus pertinent recommendations and actions.

History

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (b), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

§ 10:62-1.14 Home services

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "home visit" for "House Call"; rewrote (b); and in the introductory paragraph of (c), updated the N.J.A.C reference.

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§ 10:62-1.15 Unusual travel and escort services

HCPCS 99082 may be used for travel costs only associated and billed with Home Visit. (See codes 99341, 99342 and 99343.)

History

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 New Jersey Register 3899\(a\)](#), [31 New Jersey Register 61\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 New Jersey Register 4993\(a\)](#), [36 New Jersey Register 3287\(a\)](#).

Amended code references.

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§ 10:62-1.16 Professional services requiring prior authorization

(a) Form FD-358 (Request for Prior Authorization for Vision Care Services) shall be used to request prior authorization for professional services. Instructions for completing the form are provided in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement. The completed form, clearly indicating the reasons for requesting the service requiring prior authorization, shall be submitted to the Vision Care Unit, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code # 16, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712. When a request for prior authorization is approved or denied, the provider shall receive a letter of notification from the fiscal agent.

(b) Items requiring prior authorization should not be provided to the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary until the authorization is received by the provider from the fiscal agent.

(c) The following professional services require prior authorization:

1. Low vision work-up;
2. Vision training program;
3. Vision training work-up; and
4. All other services not specified as a covered service under [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.4](#).

(d) Vision care provider services rendered to New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiaries who are enrolled in a managed care organization (MCO) that includes these services in its benefits package must be prior authorized by the MCO/primary care provider. The Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement contains details regarding obtaining prior authorization.

(e) Program reimbursement for intraocular lenses shall be limited to two implantation procedures per beneficiary per lifetime without prior authorization. Any request for an additional implantation procedure shall be prior authorized and shall include documentation regarding the medical necessity of the procedure.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.10](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (b) inserted a reference to NJ KidCare fee-for-service, and substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients; rewrote (d); and added (e).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (b) and (d), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

§ 10:62-1.16 Professional services requiring prior authorization

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (b), substituted "New Jersey Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ"; and rewrote (d).

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§ 10:62-1.17 Prescription policies

(a) Upon request, a beneficiary must be provided with his or her prescription for an optical appliance. The following information shall be indicated on the prescription: name, address, New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service Identification Number, date of examination, and diagnosis code(s).

(b) If a beneficiary requests a duplicate prescription, the duplicate prescription shall clearly indicate: "THIS IS A DUPLICATE." The date of the original prescription shall also be included. The dispensing provider shall retain the original prescription.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.11](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients throughout; and in (a), inserted a reference to NJ KidCare fee-for-service, and substituted a reference to identification numbers for a reference to case numbers.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "New Jersey Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ".

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§ 10:62-1.18 Prescribing medications

(a) All covered pharmaceutical services provided by licensed professionals of vision care services under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs shall be prescribed in accordance with the scope of their practice.

(b) The Pharmaceutical Services manual, [N.J.A.C. 10:51](#), sets forth the provisions for covered and noncovered pharmaceutical services, prior authorization, quantity of medication, administration of drugs, pharmaceutical dosage and directions, telephone-rendered original prescriptions, changes or additions to the original prescription, non-proprietary or generic dispensing, and prescription refill.

History

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-1.19 Clinical laboratory services

(a) (Reserved)

(b) Clinical laboratory services are furnished by clinical laboratories and by physician office laboratories (POLs) that meet the CMS regulations pertaining to clinical laboratory services defined in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988, section 1902(a)(9) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(9), and as indicated at [N.J.A.C. 10:61-1.2](#), the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' Independent Clinical Laboratory Services manual and [N.J.A.C. 8:44](#) and 8:45.

(c) All independent clinical laboratories and other entities performing clinical laboratory testing shall possess certification as required by CLIA 1988, and the New Jersey Department of Health rules found in [N.J.A.C. 8:44](#) and 8:45.

(d) An ophthalmologist may claim reimbursement for clinical laboratory services performed for the practitioner's own patients within the practitioner's office, subject to the following:

1. An ophthalmologist shall meet the conditions of the CLIA regulations before he or she may perform clinical laboratory testing for New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiaries; and
2. The clinical laboratory tests shall be standard clinical laboratory procedures consistent with the ophthalmologist's CLIA certification, certificate of waiver or certificate of registration as an independent clinical laboratory.

(e) When the clinical laboratory test is performed on site, the venipuncture shall not be reimbursable as a separate procedure; the cost shall be included within the reimbursement for the laboratory procedure.

(f) When the ophthalmologist refers a laboratory test to an independent clinical reference laboratory:

1. The clinical reference laboratory shall be certified under the CLIA as described above at (a) and (b) to perform the required laboratory test(s);
2. The clinical laboratory shall be licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health as described above at (b) and (c), or by the comparable agency in the state in which the laboratory is located;
3. The clinical laboratory shall be approved for participation as an independent laboratory provider by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs in accordance with (b) above; and
4. Independent clinical laboratories shall bill the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs for all reference laboratory work performed on their premises. The ophthalmologist shall not be reimbursed for laboratory work performed by a reference laboratory.

History

HISTORY:

New Rule, R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

§ 10:62-1.19 Clinical laboratory services

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "CMS" for "HCFA"; in (b), substituted "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services" for "Health Care Financing Administration"; and substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

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§ 10:62-1.20 Personal contribution to care requirements for NJ FamilyCare--Plan C and copayments for NJ FamilyCare--Plan D

- (a) General policies regarding the collection of personal contribution to care for NJ FamilyCare--Plan C and copayments for NJ FamilyCare--Plan D services are set forth at N.J.A.C. 10:49-9.
- (b) Personal contribution to care for NJ FamilyCare--Plan C services is \$ 5.00 per visit for office visits, except when the service is provided for preventive care.
 - 1. An office visit is defined as a face-to-face contact with a vision care professional that meets the documentation requirements in this subchapter and N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.
 - 2. Office visits include eye care professional services provided in the office, patient's home, or any other site, excluding hospital, where the child may have been examined by the vision care professional. Generally, these procedure codes are set forth in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.2](#).
- (c) Vision care professionals shall not charge a personal contribution to care for services provided to newborns who are covered under fee-for-service for Plan C; or for preventive services.
- (d) There shall be a \$ 5.00 copayment per visit required for vision care services for Plan D enrollees.
- (e) Vision care professionals shall collect the copayment specified in (d) above except as provided in (f) below. Copayments shall not be waived.
- (f) Vision care professionals shall not charge a copayment for services provided to newborns who are covered under fee-for-service for Plan D.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.6](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (b)1, changed N.J.A.C. reference.

Amended by R.1999 d.211, effective July 6, 1999 (operative August 1, 1999).

See: [31 N.J.R. 998\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 1806\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 2879\(b\)](#).

In (A), added reference to copayments for NJ KidCare-Plan D; added (d) through (f).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

§ 10:62-1.20 Personal contribution to care requirements for NJ FamilyCare--Plan C and copayments for NJ FamilyCare--Plan D

In (a), and (b), introductory paragraph, substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (b)1, substituted "that" for ", which"; in (b)2, deleted "and 3.3" following the N.J.A.C. reference; in (c), inserted "for services"; and in (c) and (f), deleted a comma following "newborns".

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§ 10:62-1.21 Recordkeeping policies

(a) Providers shall keep such legible individual records as are necessary to fully disclose the kind and extent of services provided, as well as the medical necessity for those services. Data shall include such quantitative positive and negative findings as will be meaningful in a subsequent review. Check marks are not acceptable. The information shall be readily available to representatives of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, or their agents, as required.

(b) Records shall be kept and maintained by the provider for a period of at least five years from the date the service was rendered.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.12](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a), inserted a reference to NJ KidCare fee-for-service programs in the last sentence.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "their" for "its".

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§ 10:62-1.22 Reimbursement policies

- (a) Instructions for submitting claims for payment of vision care services are provided in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement.
- (b) Vision care services shall be identified by means of procedure codes, utilizing the CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The codes and maximum fee allowance schedule are listed in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.
- (c) The provider shall use the practitioner's usual and customary charge when submitting a claim for vision care services. Reimbursement for covered services furnished under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs shall be made on the basis of the provider's customary charge, not to exceed an allowance determined to be reasonable by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, and further limited by Federal policy (42 CFR 447 Subpart B) relative to payment of practitioners and other individual providers.
1. In no event shall the charge to the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs exceed the charge by the provider for identical services to other governmental agencies, private nonprofit agencies, trade unions or other individuals in the community.
 2. If a beneficiary receives care from more than one member of a partnership or corporation in the same discipline for the same service, the maximum payment allowance shall be the same as that of a single provider. For purposes of reimbursement, optometrist and or physician, optometrist and physician groups, shared health care facility, or optometrist and physician sharing a common record shall be considered a single provider.
 3. Reimbursement shall not be made for, and beneficiaries may not be asked to pay for, broken appointments.
- (d) For reimbursement purposes, when the practitioner submits a claim for services, the services shall have been performed personally by the practitioner submitting the claim.

History

HISTORY:

Recodified from [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.13](#) and amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (c), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program in the introductory paragraph and 1, and substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients in 2 and 3; and deleted a former (e).

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

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See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Healthcare" for "(HCFA); in (c), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (b), deleted "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (" following "the", and deleted ")" following "CMS"; and in the introductory paragraph of (c) and in (c)1, substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-2.1 Scope

This subchapter covers the provision of optical appliances necessary for the correction of any eye vision defects.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 New Jersey Register 3907(a), 26 New Jersey Register 225(a).

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§ 10:62-2.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Ocularist" means a provider of artificial eyes.

"Optical appliances" mean those items, devices or appliances prescribed by a practitioner in order to aid or improve vision, or to replace the eye.

"Optician" means an individual licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Ophthalmic Dispensers and Ophthalmic Technicians, or licensed to practice as an optician in the state in which he or she performs such functions.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 New Jersey Register 3907(a), 26 New Jersey Register 225(a).

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§ 10:62-2.3 Providers of optical appliances and other services

(a) Within the restrictions of their respective licensure, the following are eligible providers upon fulfilling the Enrollment Process requirements in [N.J.A.C. 10:49-3.2](#):

1. Ophthalmologists as defined in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.2](#);
2. Optometrists as defined in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.2](#);
3. Opticians as defined in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.2](#);
4. Ocularists as defined in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.2](#);
5. Independent clinics approved by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs to render eye care services;
6. Hospitals approved by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs for participation; and
7. Ophthalmologists, optometrists or opticians in another state who are duly licensed or meet the requirements of their own state with regard to the dispensing of optical appliances within that state.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program in 5 and 6.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" in 5 and 6.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a)5 and (a)6, substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-2.4 Covered optical appliances and related services

(a) The following optical appliances and related services are covered under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs. In order to determine whether an optical appliance or related service requires prior authorization, and for details regarding such prior authorization, see [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.5](#).

1. Optical lenses (see [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.6](#));
2. Optical frames (see [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.7](#));
3. Repairs of optical appliances;
4. Artificial eyes may be provided once every three years when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist;
5. Low vision devices;
6. Vision training devices;
7. Replacement of optical appliances:
 - i. Lenses and frames may be replaced once every two years for persons age 19 through and including 59 years of age, and once a year for persons less than 19 years or 60 years of age and older, provided there is a change of 0.50 diopter in sphere and or cylinder power, or a change of five degrees or more in cylinder axis.
 - ii. Lenses may be replaced more frequently than once every two years for persons 19 through and including 59 years of age or more frequently than once every year for persons less than 19 years or 60 years of age and older, providing there is a prescription change of at least 0.75 diopter in spherical and/or cylindrical power or a change in axis of eight degrees or more. Providers shall enter the previous prescription number in the Remarks section (#19) of the MC-9 claim form.
 - iii. When an optical appliance is destroyed in a fire or stolen, the provider shall place a written statement in the Remarks section (#19) of the MC-9 claim form and put a copy of the fire/police report in the provider's beneficiary's file.
 - iv. Providers may provide one replacement of frame and/or lenses per year for individuals with developmental disabilities. Provider shall place a written supporting statement and diagnosis related information in the Remarks section (#19) of the MC-9 claim form and put a copy of the developmental disabilities report in the provider's beneficiary's file.
 - v. Contact lenses will be provided once every two years for persons age 19 through and including 59 years of age, and once a year for persons up to age 19 or 60 years of age and older.
 - (1) Replacement of a contact lens in less than the timeframes in this subparagraph is allowed only if there is a need for a change in the fit or design of the lens or if there has been a prescription change of 0.50 diopter in spherical or astigmatic power. The need for a replacement due to a change in the fit or design of the lens shall be determined by the vision care professional based on an examination of the patient.

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8. Dual pairs of glasses instead of multifocal;
9. Contact lenses;
10. Polycarbonated or ultraviolet filter lenses, when recommended by the prescribing practitioner as medically necessary;
11. Intraocular lenses; and
12. Protective prescription eyewear that is needed by a specific child beneficiary because it is required pursuant to [N.J.S.A. 5:18-1](#) while the child participates in sports.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program throughout, substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients in 7, added a limitation in 9, inserted a new 10, and recodified former 10 as 11.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "Covered services". Rewrote the section.

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§ 10:62-2.5 Optical appliances and related services requiring prior authorization

(a) Form MC-9(A) (Request for Authorization and Payment--Optical Appliances) shall be used for requesting prior authorization for optical appliances. Instructions for completing the form are provided in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement. The completed form clearly indicating the reasons for requesting the appliance requiring prior authorization must be submitted to the Vision Care Unit, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, Mail Code #16, PO Box 712, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0712. When a request for authorization is approved or denied, the provider shall receive a letter of notification from the fiscal agent.

(b) Items requiring prior authorization should not be provided to the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary until the authorization is received by the provider. (See N.J.A.C. 10:49-6).

(c) Authorization becomes invalid upon termination of eligibility for the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, except when the termination occurs between the time the optical appliance is ordered and the time the optical appliance is dispensed. (Note: The provider shall use the date the optical appliance is ordered as the date of service when this situation occurs.)

(d) The following optical appliances require prior authorization:

1. Low vision devices when the total charge to the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service program is \$ 150.00 or more;
2. Vision training devices;
3. Repair of an optical appliance when the charge to the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service program is \$ 15.00 or more;
4. Replacement of optical appliances;
 - i. In circumstances not covered in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.4](#), the replacement of an optical appliance requires prior authorization. For example: If lost, broken and irreparable, stolen or a prescription change is less than 0.50 diopter or five degrees in axis.
5. Dual pairs of glasses instead of multifocal;
6. Optical tints;
7. High index lenses;
8. Special base curve;
9. Artificial eye if provided more frequently than once every three years;
10. Intraocular lenses implantations if for more than two implantation procedures per beneficiary per lifetime;
11. Replacement of a contact lens within two years;

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12. Protective prescription eyewear; and

13. All other optical appliance items requiring additional charges or not identified in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.4](#).

(e) Optical appliance services rendered to New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiaries who are enrolled in an MCO that includes these services in its benefits package must be prior authorized by the MCO/primary care provider. The Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement contains details regarding obtaining prior authorization.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service throughout; in (b) and (e), substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients; in (d), inserted new 9 and 10, and recodified former 9 as 11; and in (e), deleted a reference to the Garden State Health Plan in the last sentence.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "Optical appliances requiring prior authorization". In (c), substituted "Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare" for "Medicaid or NJ KidCare"; and rewrote (d) and (e).

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§ 10:62-2.6 Standards and policies regarding lenses

- (a)** Lenses shall be first quality ophthalmic lenses meeting the requirements published by American National Standard Institute (available from the American National Standards Institute, 25 W. 43rd St, 4th floor, New York, NY 10036, tel. 212-642-4900, website <https://www.ansi.org/>).
- (b)** Lenses shall meet impact resistant standards as set forth in the United States Food and Drug Administration regulations at [21 CFR 801.410](#).
- (c)** For pricing purposes, all prescriptions shall be written in minus cylinder form.
- (d)** The total correction shall be at least 0.50 diopter in spherical or cylindrical power in the initial prescription for glasses.
- (e)** (Reserved)
- (f)** Contact lenses may be provided for:
 - 1. Specific ocular pathological conditions including, but not limited to, Keratoconus, monocular surgical aphakia to effect binocular vision, anisometropia of 3.0 diopters or more; and
 - 2. Patients whose vision cannot be improved to at least 20/70 with regular lenses but improvement of vision can be accomplished to 20/70 or better.
- (g)** The policy for duplication or reproduction of the same correction is as follows:
 - 1. A re-examination and new prescription are required if more than one year (or two years in the case of an individual 19 through and including 59 years of age) has elapsed since the date of the original prescription.
- (h)** (Reserved)
- (i)** (Reserved)
- (j)** Polycarbonate lenses (Y5201) may be provided in special situations when maximum protection is indicated and recommended in writing by the prescribing practitioner, but not in conjunction with the ultraviolet filter lens described in (k) below.
- (k)** Ultraviolet filter lens (V2755) may be provided in special situations when maximum ultraviolet protection is indicated for the preservation of tissue integrity and recommended in writing by the prescribing practitioner, but not in conjunction with the polycarbonate lens described in (j) above.
- (l)** The following are not covered under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs:
 - 1. Gradient tint;
 - 2. Photochromatic lenses;
 - 3. Prescription sunglasses;
 - 4. Rimless lenses; and

5. Temporary glasses.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (h) and (l), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

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See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

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§ 10:62-2.7 Standards and policies regarding frames

(a) Plastic, nonflammable frames acceptable to the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs shall meet the following minimum criteria:

1. The manufacturer's name and the size of the frame shall be properly identifiable on the frame;
2. The temples shall be wire-reinforced;
3. A hinge rivet shall pass through the reinforcing temple wire;
4. The material shall contain no scratches, fissures or bubbles;
5. There shall be no material discoloration at the time of dispensing; and
6. The frame shall not be expanded beyond 1 millimeter of the original size when the lenses are inserted.

(b) Wire-metal frames are not covered under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (b), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program.

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See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (b), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), and in (b), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ".

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§ 10:62-2.8 Standards regarding guarantee/warranty

All rights, benefits, and services applicable to a private paying patient shall apply to the same extent to the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service beneficiary.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Inserted a reference to NJ KidCare fee-for-service, and substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Substituted "New Jersey Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ".

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§ 10:62-2.9 Ocular prostheses

Artificial eyes and intraocular lenses, stock or custom-made, shall be of plastic material.

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§ 10:62-2.10 Approved fabricating laboratory

(a) For purposes of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs, an approved fabricating laboratory shall have the necessary equipment, licensed personnel and capability to completely surface and finish new optical glass or plastic lenses or partially finished lenses.

(b) The laboratory shall be able to provide all services necessary to completely furnish eyeglasses as may be requested by an optical dispenser and is subject to approval by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs. A provider may call the Provider Services hotline at 1-800-776-6334 to ascertain if a laboratory is New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service-approved.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (b), inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ"; and rewrote (b).

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§ 10:62-2.11 Recordkeeping policies

(a) Providers shall keep such legible individual records as are necessary to fully disclose the kind and extent of services provided, as well as the medical necessity for those services, which are subject to post audit review. Such information shall be readily available to the representatives of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs or their agents as required.

(b) The records as required by (a) above shall include the following:

1. Name of the beneficiary;
2. Address of the beneficiary;
3. New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service identification number;
4. Original prescription;
5. Date of the prescription received;
6. Date of the dispensing to the beneficiary;
7. Invoice from fabricating laboratory and material purchase invoices, as applicable; and
8. All supportive statements and reports, for example fire report, police report, developmental disabilities, medical necessity, etc.

(c) Records shall be kept and maintained by the provider for a period of at least five years from the date the service was rendered.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: [25 N.J.R. 3907\(a\)](#), [26 N.J.R. 225\(a\)](#).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (a) and (b), inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service; and in (b), substituted references to beneficiaries for references to recipients throughout, and deleted "HSP" at the beginning and substituted a reference to identification numbers for a reference to case numbers in 3.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), introductory paragraph, and (b)3, substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare".

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Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ" and "their" for "its"; and in (b)3, substituted "New Jersey Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ".

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§ 10:62-2.12 Reimbursement policy

- (a)** Instructions for submitting claims for payment of optical appliances are provided in the Fiscal Agent Billing Supplement.
- (b)** Optical appliances must be identified by means of procedure codes, utilizing the CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The codes and maximum fee allowance schedule are listed in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.
- (c)** The reimbursement policy of the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs provides for payment to the provider of the actual invoice cost of the optical appliance plus a dispensing fee. Providers are requested to indicate the actual invoice cost of the material when submitting a claim. Actual invoice cost is defined as the net amount paid by the provider, reflecting all discounts or special purchase agreements. The service (dispensing) fee, to which the provider is entitled, should be indicated as a separate item.
- (d)** The maximum allowable reimbursement for frames is not to exceed an allowance determined to be reasonable by the Commissioner, Department of Human Services. However, providers shall only bill the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs for the actual invoice cost of the frame when submitting a claim for payment. Actual invoice cost is defined as the net amount paid by the provider, reflecting all discounts or special purchase agreements. Frames are reimbursable only if they meet the criteria listed in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-2.7](#).
- (e)** Optical appliances are reimbursable under the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs only when prescribed by a provider of professional eye services described in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.3](#).
- (f)** Non-physician services and equipment/supplies furnished to hospital inpatients by outside providers shall not be billed directly to the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs. Providers shall submit a bill/invoice to the hospital for payment.
- (g)** The cost of intraocular lenses is reimbursable to hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers where the surgery is performed.
- (h)** Reimbursement by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs shall be made for covered services provided to eligible beneficiaries only.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1994 d.6, effective January 3, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3907(a), 26 N.J.R. 225(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

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See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h), inserted references to the NJ KidCare fee-for-service program; in (g), deleted "or directly to the ophthalmologist" at the end, and deleted 1; and in (h), substituted a reference to beneficiaries for a reference to recipients.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (b), substituted "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) HealthCare" for "(HCFA)"; and substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" throughout.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (b), deleted "Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (" following "the", and deleted ")" following "CMS"; in (c) through (f), and in (h), substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ"; in (e), substituted "described" for "as defined"; and in (d), (f), and (h), substituted "programs" for "program".

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§ 10:62-3.1 Introduction

(a) The New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs utilize the CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). HCPCS follows the American Medical Association's Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) architecture, employing a five-position code and as many as two 2-position modifiers. Unlike the CPT numeric design, the CMS assigned codes and modifiers contain alphabetic characters. HCPCS is a two-level coding system.

1. Level I Codes (Narratives found in CPT): These codes are adapted from CPT for utilization primarily by Physicians, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Independent Clinics and Independent Laboratories. CPT is a listing of descriptive terms and numeric identifying codes and modifiers for reporting medical services and procedures performed by physicians. Copyright restrictions make it impossible to print excerpts from CPT procedure narrative for Level I codes. Thus, in order to determine those narratives it is necessary to refer to CPT, which is incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. (The CPT is available from the Order Department of the American Medical Association, PO Box 109050, Chicago, Illinois 60610.)
2. Level II Codes (Narratives found in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.5](#)): These codes are assigned by CMS for physician and non-physician services which are not in CPT.

(b) The HCPCS procedure codes listed in this subchapter are divided into two sections: HCPCS procedure codes for professional services are in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.2](#); and HCPCS procedure codes for vision care appliances are in [N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.5](#).

(c) The responsibility of the provider when rendering professional services and requesting reimbursement is listed in N.J.A.C. 10:62-1, Reimbursement Policies; for optical appliances, N.J.A.C. 10:62-2, Reimbursement Policies.

1. When filing a claim, the appropriate HCPCS procedure codes must be used in conjunction with the modifiers when applicable.
2. The use of a HCPCS procedure code will be interpreted by the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs as evidence that the practitioner personally furnished, at a minimum, the service which the code represents.
3. For reimbursement purposes, when reference is made to any of the following services it is understood that they were performed by the practitioner submitting the claim:
 - i. Office, hospital, nursing home, or residential health care facility visits; and
 - ii. Any and all parts of a history or eye examination.
4. Date(s) of service(s) shall be indicated on the claim form and in the practitioner's own record for each service billed.
5. When submitting a claim, the practitioner shall always use the practitioner's usual and customary fee. The New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service dollar value designated for the HCPCS

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procedure codes represents the New Jersey Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' maximum payment for the given procedure.

- i. All references to time parameters shall mean the practitioner's time in reference to the service rendered unless it is otherwise indicated.

(d) Regarding specific elements of HCPCS procedure codes which require attention of providers, the lists of HCPCS procedure codes for vision care services are arranged in tabular form with specific information for a code identified under columns with titles such as: "IND," "HCPCS CODE," "MOD," "DESCRIPTION," AND "MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE." The information identified under each column is summarized below:

Column Title	Description
IND	(Indicator-Qualifier) Lists alphabetic symbols used to refer provider to information concerning the New Jersey Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' qualifications and requirements when a procedure and service code is used. Explanation of indicators and qualifiers used in this column are identified below: Explanation of indicators and qualifiers used in this column are identified below: "L" preceding any HCPCS procedure code indicates that the complete narrative for the HCPCS procedure code is located in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.3. "N" preceding any HCPCS procedure code indicates that qualifiers are applicable to that code. These qualifiers are listed by HCPCS procedure code in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.4. "P" preceding any HCPCS procedure code indicates that prior authorization is required. (See N.J.A.C. 10:62-1 and 2.) "R" preceding any HCPCS procedure code indicates a HCPCS procedure code for a factor necessary in the fabrication of a lens prescription. For proper reimbursement, the code must be listed on the claim form (MC-9) in addition to the basic lens code.
HCPCS Code	Lists the HCPCS procedure code for professional services and vision care appliances.
MOD	Lists alphabetic and numeric symbols. Services and procedures may be modified under certain circumstances. When applicable, the modifying circumstance should be identified by the addition of alphabetic and/or numeric characters at the end of the HCPCS code. The New Jersey Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' recognized modifier codes for vision care services are as follows:
Modifier Code	Description
YF	Optical Frame Service Fee: To be used when patient supplies his/her own Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service plastic frame.
22	Unusual Services: When the service(s) provided is greater than that usually required for the listed procedure, it may be identified by adding modifier "22" to the usual procedure code and enclosing a copy of the invoice. When billing, a copy of the invoice is required. (See "Comprehensive Eye Examination with Diagnostic Fields" in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.4.)

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Reduced Services: Under certain circumstances, a service or procedure is partially reduced or eliminated at the practitioner's election. Under these circumstances, the service provided can be identified by its usual procedure number and the addition of the modifier "52" signifying that the service is reduced. This provides a means of reporting reduced services without disturbing the identification of the basic services. This also applies when using Stock Bifocals. (See "Bifocal Lenses, Glass or Plastic" in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.5(d).) List the code narrative. (Narratives for Level I codes are found in CPT. Narratives for Level II and III codes are found in N.J.A.C. 10:62-3.2 and 3.5.)

MAXIMUM FEE ALLOWANCE Lists New Jersey Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service programs' maximum reimbursement schedule. If the symbols "B.R." (By Report) are listed instead of a dollar amount, it means that additional information will be required in order to properly evaluate the service. Attach a copy of the report to the claim form. If the symbols "N.A." (Not Applicable) are listed instead of a dollar amount, it means that the service is not reimbursable.

(e) Regarding alphabetic and numeric symbols under "IND" and "MOD", these symbols when listed under the "IND" and "MOD" columns are elements of the HCPCS coding system used as qualifiers or indicators (as in the "IND" column) and as modifiers (as in the "MOD" column). They assist the provider in determining the appropriate procedure codes to be used, the area to be covered, the minimum requirements needed, and any additional parameters required for reimbursement purposes.

1. These symbols and letters must not be ignored because, in certain instances, requirements are created in addition to the narrative that accompanies the HCPCS procedure code as written in CPT. The provider must be careful to enter the additional requirements, and not just the HCPCS procedure code narrative. These requirements must be fulfilled in order to receive reimbursement.
2. If there is no identifying symbol listed, the HCPCS procedure code narrative prevails.

(f) For surgical codes relevant to Ophthalmologists see Physicians Services Chapter (N.J.A.C. 10:54-4, CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System).

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Inserted references to NJ KidCare fee-for-service throughout; in (a), substituted references to CPT for references to CPT-4 throughout; and in (c), deleted a former 4, and recodified former 5 and 6 as 4 and 5.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

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Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Rewrote the introductory paragraph of (a) and (c)5; deleted (a)3; in (c)2, substituted "Medicaid/NJ" for "Medicaid or NJ"; and in (e)1, substituted the first occurrence of "and" for "and/or", and substituted "that" for "which".

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§ 10:62-3.2. HCPCS Procedure Codes and maximum fee schedule for professional vision care services

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History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

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§ 10:62-3.3 (Reserved)

History

HISTORY:

Repealed by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Section was "Professional vision care service codes and narratives not found in CPT-4 (Level II and Level III codes)".

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§ 10:62-3.4 Qualifier for professional vision care services

(a) Qualifiers for professional vision care services are summarized below:

HCPCS Procedure
Codes

1. COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMINATION

92002 Comprehensive Eye Examination--Refers to a
92004 new or established patient.
92012
92014

2. COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMINATION WITH DIAGNOSTIC FIELDS

92004 2 Comprehensive Eye Examination with Diagnostic
 2
92014 2 Fields--Refers to a new or established patient.
 2

3. INDEPENDENT OFFICE PROCEDURES

92020 Independent Office Procedures--HCPCS
92065 92065, 92081, 92082, 92083, 92100, 92020, 92120,
92081 92130, 92140, 92260, shall not be reimbursable
92082 when performed on the same day as HCPCS
92083 92002, 92004, 92012 or 92014.
92100
92120
92130
92140
92260

4. OFFICE SERVICES (NEW PATIENT)

Codes 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99301, 99302, 99303, 99321, 99322 and 99323 shall not be reimbursable with 92002, 92004, 92012 or 92014 on the same day.

5. OFFICE SERVICES (ESTABLISHED PATIENT)

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Codes 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99311, 99312 and 99313 shall not be reimbursable with 92002, 92004, 92012 or 92014 on the same day.

6. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES**Physician's Use of Emergency Room Instead of Office:**

99211 When a physician sees his/her patient in the emergency
 99212 room instead of his/her office, the physician
 99213 shall use the same same HCPCS for the visit that would
 99214 have been used if seen in the physician's office
 99215 (99211, 99212, 99213, 99214 or 99215 only).

Hospital-Based Emergency Room Physicians:

99281 When patients are seen by hospital-based emergency room
 99282 physicians who are eligible to bill the Medicaid/NJ
 99283 FamilyCare program, then the appropriate
 99284 HCPCS is used. The "Visit" codes shall be limited
 99285 to 99281, 99282, 99283, 99284 and 99285.

7. BRAIN-STEM-EVOKED RESPONSE TESTING

92280 Not reimbursable for initial testing, general screening,
 research studies or any situation where usefulness has not been
 clearly established; and therefore, it is without controversy.
 Code 92280--for reimbursement purposes refers to a visual
 brain-stem-evoked response (VBR) with interpretation.
 Reimbursable to hospital outpatient department as a hospital
 charge or to a qualified provider (office setting). The study
 must be personally performed by any of the following disciplines
 trained and experienced with VBR testing, namely
 Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Neurologists, Neurosurgeons, and
 Psychiatrists. Criteria for testing:
 i. Inconclusive test results by standard vision testing for:

 (1) Neonates and infants at risk for vision loss;
 (2) Children and adults who cannot perform behavioral
 testing.
 ii. Suspected organic neurologic lesion within or proximal to
 the visual pathway.

8. UNUSUAL TRAVEL, FOR EXAMPLE, TRANSPORTATION AND ESCORT OF PATIENT

Code 99082 may be used for travel costs only associated and billed with HOUSE CALL OR HOME VISIT. (See HCPCS 99341, 99342, 99343, 99347, 99348 and 99349.)

9. HOME SERVICES

Home Visit--
 99343 and 99349

The Home Visit HCPCS 99343 and 99349 does not distinguish between specialist and non-specialist. These codes shall not apply to residential health care facility or nursing facility settings. These codes refer to a physician visit limited to the provision of medical care to an individual who would be too ill to go to a physician's office and/or is "home bound" due to his/her physical condition. When billing for a second

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or subsequent patient treated during the same visit, the visit should be billed as a home visit.

Home Visit--
99341, 99342,
99344, 99345,
99347, 99348 and
99349

These HCPCS apply when the provider visits a beneficiary in the home and the visit does not meet the criteria specified under a House Call listed in N.J.A.C. 10:62-1.13.

History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (a), substituted "NJ FamilyCare" for "NJ KidCare" in 6.

Amended by R.2017 d.096, effective July 17, 2017.

See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

In (a)3, in the first column, deleted codes "W9205", "W9210", and "W9220" from the end, and in the second column, deleted "W9205, W9210, W9220," following "92260,".

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§ 10:62-3.5. HCPCS Procedure Codes and maximum fee schedule for vision care appliances

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History

HISTORY:

Amended by R.1999 d.4, effective January 4, 1999.

See: [30 N.J.R. 3899\(a\)](#), [31 N.J.R. 61\(a\)](#).

In (b), substituted a reference to plastic frames for a reference to Medicaid plastic frames in the note; rewrote (i); and in (k), added "P", and substituted "B.R." for "500.00" in V2785.

Amended by R.2004 d.240, effective July 6, 2004.

See: [35 N.J.R. 4993\(a\)](#), [36 N.J.R. 3287\(a\)](#).

In (j) and (k), amended the fee schedule table.

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APPENDIX A

FISCAL AGENT BILLING SUPPLEMENT

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See: [48 N.J.R. 2574\(a\)](#), [49 N.J.R. 2279\(b\)](#).

Rewrote the Agency Note, and in the address, substituted "Molina Medicaid Solutions" for "Unisys".

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