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Dear Provider,

Effective January 1, 2020, optional benefit optician services, including services provided by a fabricating optical laboratory (FOL), previously eliminated as part of the optional benefits exclusion, are reinstated as Medi-Cal benefits for eligible recipients age 21 and older.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) contracts with the California Prison Industry Authority (PIA) to fabricate eyewear for Medi-Cal recipients. This includes Medi-Cal recipients assigned to Health Plan of San Mateo. All registered providers shall use PIA optical laboratories to fabricate lenses.

To help our providers with this transition, HPSM will continue to pay claims under the prior structure until 4/1/2020. This will provide a grace period to register with the PIA program. Claims with the following optical lens codes will deny with the message “Not covered by HPSM – Bill Medi-Cal FFS” effective 4/1/2020. **Providers must utilize the PIA program as soon as they are registered.**

- V2100 – V2499
- V2700 – V2755
- V2760 – V2762
- V2781 – V2784

As a reminder, the following optical lens codes are not covered by Medi-Cal and will continue to deny accordingly with the message “Procedure code is not covered”.

- V2118
- V2218-V2219
- V2315
- V2318-V2319

The following CPT codes for dispensing of ophthalmic lenses are reimbursable when the lenses are fabricated through the PIA program.

- 92340 – Fitting of spectacles, except for aphakia; monofocal
- 92341 – Fitting of spectacles, except for aphakia; bifocal
- 92342 – Fitting of spectacles, except for aphakia; multifocal, other than bifocal
- 92352 – Fitting of spectacle prosthesis for aphakia; monofocal
- 92353 – Fitting of spectacle prosthesis for aphakia; multifocal

You can read more about this update on Medi-Cal’s website: http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_30050.asp. If you have any questions, please contact the claims department at (650) 616-2056 or ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org. Thank you very much for your attention to this update.

Best Regards,
Health Plan of San Mateo