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TO: Providers of Eye Care Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Consolidation of Medicaid Rules Concerning Eye Care Services

Six rules concerning the coverage of and payment for eye care services, located in Chapter 5160-6 of the Ohio Administrative Code, have been rescinded. The provisions of these six rules have been combined into a single new rule.

Rule 5160-6-01, "Eye care services," sets forth coverage and payment policies for eye care services. The text is reorganized and streamlined, but no substantive policy changes have been made. The phrase "eye care services" is introduced as a collective term encompassing the various services and materials addressed in the rule: vision care services, vision care materials (spectacle lenses and frames, contact lenses), low-vision aids, and ocular prostheses and prosthesis services. Claim-submission instructions are removed because such information is available in more appropriate formats than administrative rule. An appendix to the rule lists maximum payment amounts for covered contact lenses, low-vision aids, ocular prostheses, prosthesis services, and spectacle fitting; this information has been moved here from appendix DD to rule 5160-1-60 of the Administrative Code.

This rule revision takes effect for dates of service beginning May 1, 2016.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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