



Vision Services

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AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire reimbursement policies and their resulting edits are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), state and federal regulatory agencies, and medical specialty professional societies. Reimbursement policies are intended as a general reference and do not constitute a contract or other guarantee of payment. AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying its policies to services provided in a particular case and may modify its policies at any time.

In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Policy Overview

This policy addresses vision services, eyeglass frames, lenses, and contact lenses.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

Routine eye examinations are covered services and therefore eligible for reimbursement by AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire for certain members each calendar year. Members 20 years of age and younger are eligible for one pair of prescription eyeglasses **OR** one set of contact lenses every 12 months. AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire will cover one pair prescription eyeglasses or prescription contact lenses for members 21 years of age and older.

Service	Members 20 Years of Age and Under	Members 21 +
Eye Exams (92015)	1 routine eye exam every 12 months	1 routine eye exam every 12 months
Eye Exam medical condition (92019)	No limits	No limits
Eyeglasses* (frames) (V2020) (V2025)	1 pair every 12 months	1 pair every 12 months
Replacements Procedure codes: Routine Lense Codes or Frames + RA Modifier	2 pair every 12 months	2 pair every 12 months
Lenses*	1 per eye every 12 months	1 per eye every 12 months
Contact Lenses (V2530, V2531, V2599)	1 set every 12 months	1 set every 12 months

Extended ophthalmoscopy with a retinal/optic nerve drawing, (unilateral or bilateral) (92201-92202) is non-covered when billed with fundus photography (92250) or a with fluorescein angiography (92235).

An extended ophthalmoscopy with a retinal/optic nerve drawing, (unilateral or bilateral) will not be reimbursed without a diagnosis of disorders of the globe, choroid, retina, iris and ciliary body, or glaucoma.

*Lenses Codes

V2100-V2115, V2118, V2121, V2199, V2200-V2215, V2218, V2219, V2220, V2221, V2299-V3115
V2318-V2321, V2399, V2410, V2430, V2499

Contacts

Members may choose prescription contact lenses instead of glasses.

Definitions

Extended Ophthalmoscopy

The method of examining the posterior portion of the eye when the level of examination requires a complete view of the back of the eye and documentation is greater than that required during routine ophthalmoscopy.

RA Modifier

The RA modifier indicates replacement of a DME item, due to loss, irreparable damage, or when the item has been stolen.

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- III. AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire provider manual.
- IV. New Hampshire Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

06/2025	Minor updates to formatting and syntax
04/2025	Revised preamble
01/2025	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
08/2023	Removal of policy implemented by AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire from Policy History section
01/2023	Template Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised preamble• Removal of Applicable Claim Types table• Coding section renamed to Reimbursement Guidelines• Added Associated Policies section