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**SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL EYE GLASSES**

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**EFFECTIVE:** July 8, 2014

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide guidelines to assure medical necessity and consistency in the Prior Authorization (PA) process.

**DISCLAIMER:** This document is not a contract and these guidelines do not reflect or represent every conceived situation. Although all items contained in these guidelines are met, this does not reflect or imply any responsibility of this agency or department to change the plan provision to include the stated services as an eligible benefit. Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) recognizes that treatment decisions must take into account the patient's entire clinical and social situation as well as acuity, chronicity, severity, distribution, locus of injury and co-morbidities.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Eye glasses, lenses and frames, are covered for children. Prior Authorization is required for additional eye glasses for children beyond 2 pairs in a 12 month period. It should be unusual for a child's vision to change so frequently that greater than two pair of eye glasses are needed within a 12 month timeframe. However, if this should occur, the documentation should clearly demonstrate changes in the member's vision necessitating the new prescription. PA will be provided if the services are reasonable and medically necessary.

**INDICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EYE GLASSES:**

- **Change in Vision**
  - a. Documentation should indicate a change in correction of 0.5 diopters or greater in either sphere or cylinder power in either eye since last examination; OR
  - b. A shift in axis of greater than 10 degrees in either eye since last examination ; OR
  - c. A change in the member's head size warranting a new pair of eyeglasses; OR

- d. The member has an allergic reaction to the eyeglasses materials; **OR**
- e. A comprehensive or intermediate vision examination shows that a change in eyeglasses is medically necessary.

- **Irreparable Lenses and/or Frames**

Only the damaged portion of the eyeglasses will be replaced; i.e., if the lenses are significantly damaged or scratched, only the lenses will be replaced. If the frames are significantly damaged, only the frames will be replaced. An attempt to utilize the undamaged portion of any pair of eyeglasses should be made.

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- a. Documentation should indicate the nature of the incident resulting in irreparable damage, including how and when the lenses and/or frames were damaged; **AND**
- b. A statement indicating why the lenses and/or frames cannot be repaired.

- **Lost or Stolen Eye Glasses**

Documentation should include a signed statement from the parent/caregiver attesting to the loss of the eye glasses and that reasonable attempts were made to locate the lost or stolen eye glasses and failed.

All other indications for additional eye glasses not otherwise noted above remain at discretion of Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

**SOURCES:**

1. Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Policies and Rules, Chapter 30, Subchapter 3, Part 3; Subchapter 5, Part 45.
2. South Country Health Alliance, Minnesota Eyeglass and Vision Care Services Guideline, January 2014.  
<http://www.mnscha.org/Providers/PDFs/Chapter%2025%20Eyeglasses%20and%20Vision%20Care%20Services.pdf>