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OPTOMETRY EXAMINATIONS (SIMPLE REFRACTION)

Policy

1. Requests to “check eyes” for routine refraction and related screening examinations do not require a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR). Payment for such routine evaluations is returned to the member, up to a maximum of \$50.00 per Plan year.
2. In all cases the patient, not the Plan, makes the appointment.
3. The Plan does not pre-approve any form of therapy or treatment by the examining provider.

Procedure

Members submit a REIMBURSEMENT FORM (see attached) to the Plan, accompanied by a receipt of payment, within 180 days of date of service.

Attachments: None

References: None

History:

Reviewers: Pat Neumann, Insurance Service Administrator & Richard Ashby, MD, Medical Director;
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Reviewed/Revised: David Chernof MD, Medical Director; Date: Feb 2005

Committee Reviews: QAC: February 22, 2005

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