

OPTOMETRY BULLETIN

September 27, 2024

Optometrists are advised the fee for comprehensive eye exams for children referred by public health from the enhanced vision screening program is increasing from 20.48 MSU (\$70.04) to 23.58 MSU (\$80.65) retroactively effective August 1, 2024. The exam has its own health service code 09.02F in the tariff of fees for publicly insured optometric services.

09.02F Comprehensive Eye Examination: SP=OPTO 23.58
(with public health nurse referral from Enhanced Vision Screening Program)

Billing Guidelines

- The exam is eligible for school aged children (age 4 – 19 years) with referral from the Enhanced Vision Screening Program

This increase will automatically apply to any claims submitted with a date of service on and after September 27, 2024. Claims submitted with a date of service from August 1 – September 26, 2024 will be identified and a retroactive payment will be sent to optometrists once the 90-day submission window has elapsed.

An update to the Optometry Guide to reflect this change will be made soon.

COMPLEX PATIENT – REMINDER

A 'complex patient' is a patient who presents with **at least two** of the following conditions, **as indicated by diagnostic codes submitted on the claim:**

- 3669 existing cataracts
- 36250 age-related macular degeneration
- 36201 diabetic retinopathy
- 3659 glaucoma
- 3643 or 74346 uveitis

Optometrists are reminded when submitting their claim to MSI for a complex patient, they **must include the two** conditions presented at the visit as diagnostic codes in **the MSI claim.**

Failing to include the qualifying two conditions in the diagnosis of the MSI claim could result in \$0 payment.