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To: All Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, and Optician Providers

Subject: Orthoptic and Pleoptic Training, Vision Training, and Therapy Changes

Note: For providers rendering services to members enrolled in the risk-based managed care (RBMC) delivery system please contact the appropriate MCO regarding prior authorization, payment methodology and billing and reimbursement information.

Overview

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Ophthalmology, Optometry, and Optician providers of revisions to IHCP vision services. Specifically, this bulletin defines IHCP criteria and procedure codes for appropriate billing.

The *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)* will require the use of national codes for all services. Vision training therapies are currently billed to the IHCP with local codes that are not compliant with HIPAA requirements. Health Care Excel (HCE), in conjunction with their consultants and representatives from the Indiana Optometric Association, worked with the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) to revise the billing procedures for vision training therapies. Effective June 21, 2002, all vision training therapies will be covered under current procedural terminology (CPT) code 92065 – *Orthoptic or pleoptic training, with continuing medical direction and evaluation.*

Orthoptic or Pleoptic Training, Vision Training, and Therapies Coverage Criteria

- Services must be submitted using CPT code 92065.
- One unit or visit is allowed per day.

- Services must be ordered by a physician or an optometrist.
- Physician or optometrist must document, in the medical record, a diagnosis and treatment plan, and re-evaluations of the need for continued treatment.
- Services can be performed by an optometrist or a physician.
- Staff trained or certified in vision training may perform orthoptic and pleoptic training **only** under the **direct supervision** of an optometrist or physician. Direct supervision requires that the supervising physician or optometrist must be physically available at the time and the place that the services are rendered.
- **Direct supervision** includes that **only** the supervising optometrist or physician may document the treatment plan and re-evaluations in the medical record. All documentation of services rendered by opticians, orthoptists, or staff trained in vision therapy must be **co signed** by the supervising optometrist or physician.

End-dated Procedure Codes

Effective June 21, 2002, the following procedure codes will no longer be covered by the IHCP.

Table 1.1 – End-dated Procedure Codes

Code	Description
Z0301	Supplemental visual abilities
Z0302	Diagnosis, diagnosing and prescribing
Z0304	Amblyopia training therapy
Z0305	Strabismus training and therapy
Z0306	Developmental visual therapy
Z0307	Reading training
Z0308	Progress evaluation, visual ability and motor skills
Z3031	Vision training therapy-in office-individual
Z3032	Vision training therapy-in-office-group
Z3033	Vision training therapy-out-of-office

Additional Information

Direct questions about this bulletin to the EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3250 in the Indianapolis local area or 1-800-577-1276; or to the HCE Medical Policy Department at (317) 347-4500.

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