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SUBJECT: Expanded Procedure Codes for Provider Type 15
Optometrist

BY:

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide optometrists with an expanded list of compensable procedure codes.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to optometrists enrolled and participating with the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) as a Provider Type 15, in either the Fee-for-Service or Managed Care Delivery System.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Public Welfare, working in collaboration with representatives of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association, identified additional services and corresponding procedure codes optometrists may provide which fall within the Pennsylvania Optometry scope of practice and are already listed in the Medical Assistance (M A) Program Fee Schedule. Optometry practice is defined at 49 P a. Code § 23.

The attached list represents the additional services for which optometrists may now bill.

DISCUSSION:

Please insert the attached fee schedule pages and this bulletin in the provider handbook. Optometrists may use the attached Optometry Fee Schedule to invoice for services to eligible M A recipients.

If procedure codes 65205, 65220 and 65222 are to be performed in a Short Procedure Unit/Ambulatory Surgical Center (place of service 12), preadmission review under the Department's Place of Service Review Program is required. The facility is responsible for contacting the Department to provide the recipient and attending practitioner identification numbers, the diagnosis code, procedure code and the medical necessity for the procedure.

The Department will generate certification notices, including a ten-digit admission certification number, to the facility, recipient and attending practitioner. The optometrist is never the attending practitioner. As such, the optometrist will not be required to enter the admission certification number on the invoice submitted.

NOTE: Procedure codes 87081, 87101, 87110, 87181, 87205 and 87207 are laboratory codes and will require optometrists to be licensed by the Department of Health, have a Clinical Laboratory Improvement (CLIA) Amendment certification and be enrolled as a laboratory (provider type 16) through the Department to bill for Type of Service 86.

Training is available on proper completion of the M A 319 (Physician's Invoice or Medical Services/Supplies Invoice), and the HCFA 1500. You may request a training session by calling (717) 975-6081 or accessing DPW's website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap.

ATTACHMENT:

*Expanded Optometry Fee Schedule

*Lab Codes CLIA Certification Required

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The toll free number for your provider types.

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