



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT

Medical Assistance Program Fee Increase for Select
Ophthalmological Examinations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Nardone".

Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary
Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers that the Department of Public Welfare (Department) has increased fees for select ophthalmological examinations, effective with dates of service on and after July 1, 2008.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to ophthalmologists and optometrists enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide services to MA recipients in the Fee-for-Service delivery system, including ACCESS Plus. Ophthalmologists and optometrists who provide services to MA recipients in the managed care delivery system should direct any fee-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

After consultation with the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Optometric Association, medical providers and other stakeholders, the Department has increased the fees for select ophthalmological examinations in order to support continued access to these services by MA recipients.

PROCEDURE:

Effective with dates of service on and after July 1, 2008, the Department has increased the fees for select ophthalmological examinations for ophthalmologists and optometrists as follows:

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap

Procedure Code	Description	Current MA Fee	MA Fee Effective July 1, 2008
92002	Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation with initiation of diagnostic and treatment program; intermediate, new patient	\$17.00	\$28.34
92004	Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation with initiation of diagnostic and treatment program; comprehensive, new patient, one or more visits	\$17.00	\$58.77
92012	Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation, with initiation or continuation of diagnostic and treatment program; intermediate, established patient	\$17.00	\$29.41
92014	Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation, with initiation or continuation of diagnostic and treatment program; comprehensive, established patient, one or more visits	\$17.00	\$45.28

The MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect the fee increases. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule at the Office of Medical Assistance Programs (OMAP) website at:

www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/Schedules/003675734.htm