

General Policy

Vision services are covered for GHP Family members when they are facilitated by GHP Family participating vision care providers. Vision benefits vary based upon the age of the member. Routine vision services do not require a referral from the member's PCP. However, if the member is experiencing medical eye problems, they should contact their PCP for a referral to a specialist.

The calendar year begins January 1st and runs through December 31st.

Vision Services for Children under age 21			
Service	Limits	Copayment	Prior Auth
Vision Examination and Refraction	2 examinations per calendar year	\$0	No
Eyeglass Lenses	4 lenses per calendar year	\$0	No
Eyeglass Frames	2 frames per calendar year	\$0	No
Contact Lenses	4 lenses (2 pair) per calendar year	\$0	No
Low Vision Aids	1 every 2 years	\$0	Yes
Eye Protheses	1 every 2 years	\$0	Yes

Vision Services for Children Over age 21			
Service	Limits	Copayment	Prior Auth
Vision Examination and Refraction	2 examinations per calendar year	\$0	No
Eyeglass Lenses	4 lenses per calendar year	\$0	No
Eyeglass Frames	2 frames per calendar year	\$0	No

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Contact Lenses	4 lenses (2 pair) per calendar year	\$0	No
Low Vision Aids	1 every 2 years	\$0	Yes
Eye Prostheses	1 every 2 years	\$0	Yes

NOTES:

- Providers should **not** submit claims using HCPC codes S0620 or S0621 for the examination and refraction. If these codes are submitted, they will deny since they are not on the Medical Assistance fee schedule.
- Aphakia patients have 2 pair of eyeglasses (2 frames and 4 lenses) or 2 pair of contacts (4 lenses) per benefit year. They do not qualify for another pair through a non-aphakia diagnosis.

GHP Family will reimburse eyewear (frames, lenses, and contact lenses) based on rates shown on DHS’ fee schedule for medically necessary services. If the item(s) is not on DHS’ fee schedule AND the provider feels it is medically necessary for the patient to have the item(s), they should submit a Program Exception for GHP Family to review possible coverage. Once reviewed, GHP Family will notify the member and the provider of the outcome.

Notes:

- Trifocal lenses, progressive lenses, transition lenses, and polarized lenses are not on the DHS fee schedule and would need to be medically necessary for a member to receive these lenses. A program exception form would need to be submitted for these lenses.
- Ultraviolet coating and anti-reflective coating are not on the DHS fee schedule and would need to be medically necessary and a program exception form would need to be submitted.
- If a member selects deluxe frames, GHP family allows the member to pay the difference between the allowed amount for standard frames and the total amount for the deluxe frames by billing V2020 for the standard frames up to the allowed amount and V2025 for the balance of which would be the patient responsibility.

Miscellaneous

Contact Lens Fitting

Contact lens fitting is only covered for medically necessary lenses (i.e., prescribed for aphakia or after cataract surgery). Fittings for lenses such as those for disposable soft contacts for cosmetic purposes are not covered.

Contact Lenses- (Contact Lenses are in lieu of glasses)

GHP Family has enhanced our vision benefit to cover contact lenses for our adult members. This value added benefit covers 2 pair (4 lenses) of contact lenses of any sort (disposable or non-disposable), per

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benefit year. Providers are advised to notify the member that four (4) lenses are covered as outlined above. If the member is receiving five (5) or more contact lenses, the provider should inform the member of their coverage and have him/her sign a document indicating they are financially responsible for the additional lenses.

- As per the HCPC coding books, contact lenses should be billed per lens not per box.

Non-Covered Contact Lenses

S0514 – Color contact lens, per lens.

Repair or Replacement of Glasses

Children under the age of 21 are eligible for eyeglass repair services, or if necessary, replacement of lost or stolen glasses with no annual quantity or cost limits. (MAB 01-99-06).

GHP Family Accessories Program

GHP Family members may also use the Accessories Program to access discounts on eye exams, contact lenses and contact lens fittings and eyeglasses. Many major retailers such as LensCrafters and Target Optical provide a discount through the Accessories Program. Providers who participate in this program are typically non-par providers. Any service provided through the Accessories Program would be provided at a discount to the member; however, because the providers are non-participating, GHP Family would not be billed. The member would have full responsibility for all costs above and beyond the applicable discount.