

TO: Vision Care Providers

SUBJECT:: Billing for Two Pairs of Glasses in Lieu of Bifocals

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: When medically necessary, a prescribing practitioner may request prio
 There have been situations where the claims associated with the seco

ACTION: To insure payment for the second pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals, the following procedures should be followed:

1. To bill for the first pair of glasses, use the appropriate procedure codes without use of modifier "76".
2. To bill for the second pair of glasses, use modifier "76" following the appropriate procedure codes (lenses, frames, and dispensing fee). Failure to use modifier "76", for each procedure code associated with the second pair of glasses will result in the denial of the claim. The claim will be treated as a duplicate or as in excess of the service limit.

NOTE: PRIOR AUTHORIZATION MUST STILL BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO DISPENSING A SECOND PAIR OF GLASSES IN LIEU OF BIFOCALS.

Garden State Health Plan policies and procedures regarding prior authorization of services remain in effect.

If you find it necessary to resubmit previously denied claims, please follow the procedures listed below:

1. Resubmit your claims for the second pair of glasses using modifier "76" as previously described.

NOTE: MODIFIER "76" IS NOT TO BE USED FOR REPLACEMENT GLASSES.

2. If the claim exceeds the timely filing limitation, please attach a copy of your original remittance advice showing that the previous claim was submitted within the one year time limit and was subsequently denied; send this documentation to:

Paramax/Unisys
CN 4801
Trenton, NJ 08650-4801

Attention: Timely Filing Unit

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