

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Nebraska
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

OPTOMETRISTS' SERVICES

Nebraska Medicaid pays for covered optometrists' services at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule in effect for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule as:
 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule) - the provider's actual cost (including discounts) from the provider's supplier. The maximum invoice cost payable is limited to reasonable available cost;
 - c. The maximum allowable dollar amount; or
 - d. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established - in the fee schedule).

Revisions of the Fee Schedule: The Department may adjust the fee schedule to:

1. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
2. Comply with changes in nationally-recognized coding systems, such as HCPCS and CPT;
3. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure or a procedure that was previously identified as "RNE" or "BR" based on information that was not available when the fee schedule was established for the current year; and
4. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is:
 - a. Not appropriate for the service provided; or
 - b. Based on errors in data or calculation.

When services which are reimbursed per a fee schedule, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Optometrists' services, the agency's rates were set as of July 1, 2016, and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_practitioner_fee_schedule.aspx.

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Payment for Telehealth Services: Payment for telehealth services is set at the Medicaid rate for the comparable in-person service.

Payment for Telehealth Transmission Costs: Payment for telehealth transmission costs is set the lower of: (1) the provider's submitted charge; or (2) the maximum allowable amount.

The Department reimburses transmission costs for line charges when directly related to a covered telehealth service. The transmission must be in compliance with the quality standards for real time, two way interactive audiovisual transmission as set forth in state regulations, as amended.

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