

**PROVIDER BULLETIN 07-01**

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TO: Vision Care Providers in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

FROM: Mary Steiner, Medicaid Administrator

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RE: Correct Claim Submission for Frames and Lenses

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Nebraska Medicaid providers are required to follow the regulations and billing instructions for correct claim submission. Post-payment review is being conducted on vision claims and errors have been noted for some provider claim submissions.

The Frame and Lens claim submission requirements are defined in several areas of Medicaid regulations and billing instructions (emphasis has been added):

471NAC24.03.03 Frames: Frames must be billed at *the actual cost (including discounts)* from the provider's frame supplier.

471NAC24.03.03 Lenses: Lenses and all lens charges must be billed at *the actual cost (including discounts)* from the optical laboratory that fabricated the lenses.

471NAC24.03.06 Contact Lens Services: Contact lenses must be billed at the provider's *actual cost (including discounts)* from the provider's lens supplier.

471-000-65 Billing Instructions Claim Attachments: Nebraska Medicaid no longer requires submission of invoices with all claims for eyeglass frames and lenses. A copy of the invoice from the lens/frame supplier is required only when billing for special lens features, lab procedures and when using procedure code modifier '22'. *Providers should retain all supplier invoices in their records. Nebraska Medicaid retains the right to review invoices on a case-by-case basis.*

471NAC24.05.02 Invoice Requirements: Providers shall bill for all visual care supplies at the provider's *actual cost (including discounts)* from the provider's supplier. A copy of the purchase invoice from the provider's supplier must be submitted with the claim when procedure code modifier '22' is used with lens and frame procedure codes.

24.005.02A Lens Invoices: Lens invoices must include:

1. The name and address of the optical laboratory;

2. The charge(s) for lenses and any additional lab procedures or services;
3. For plastic lenses, verification that the lenses include scratch resistant coating;
4. The lens prescription.

The lens purchase invoice must be completed by the optical laboratory that fabricated the lenses. Only providers using their own non-independent full-service or finish labs may prepare or complete their own invoices. Price lists from all independent and non-independent optical laboratories must be available to the Department upon request.

24.005.02B Frame Invoices: The frame purchase invoice must be from the provider's frame supplier and must show the ***actual cost (including discounts)*** of the frame or frame part. If frames are ordered from the laboratory supplying the lenses, the frame cost must be listed on the lens invoice by the laboratory.

***Please review the billing practices of your office to ensure you are submitting charges within Nebraska Medicaid requirements.

If you have questions or require clarification, please call Janeen Berg at (402) 471-9342.