

## VISION SERVICES – FFS vs. MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

*For specific information on the SC Healthy Connections vision policy, please see the Physician Services provider manual, section 2.*

### I. Contacts:

- File claims to SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid given FFS criteria are met regardless of Managed Care participation:
  - Age 21 & over – contacts only allowed subsequent to cataract surgery
  - Extended wear contacts:
    - Non-covered through SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid
    - May be covered through the MCO if the MCO offers enhanced vision benefits (contact the MCO for additional information)
- MCO offers enhanced vision benefits that include contacts:
  - Contact MCO for prior authorization if beneficiary fails to meet FFS criteria as defined by SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid
- Replacement contacts:
  - Not covered through SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid for 365 days following initial date of service
  - If MCO offers enhanced vision benefits that include contacts, contact MCO to determine coverage of replacement contacts if 365 days have not yet lapsed

### II. Dispensing Fees:

- Eyeglasses or contacts dispensed by Robertson Optical Lab or reimbursed through SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid:
  - File claims to SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid regardless of Managed Care participation
- Eyeglasses or contacts dispensed by the MCO:
  - File claims to the MCO

### III. Eye Glasses:

- Prescription (one prescription per 365 day time period):
  - File to Robertson Optical Lab given SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid criteria are met regardless of Managed Care participation or beneficiary's age
  - MCO offers enhanced vision benefits, contact MCO to determine coverage of eye glasses given SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid criteria are not met
- Repairs/Replacement glasses during the 365 day time period:
  - Not authorized through SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid unless due to manufacturing defects, or destroyed due to house fire, natural disaster, or an automobile accident
  - MCO offers enhanced vision benefits that include replacement eye glasses:
    - Contact MCO for prior authorization if beneficiary fails to meet criteria as defined by SC Healthy Connections/ FFS Medicaid