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## AMERIGROUP Community Care

### **BENEFITS**

#### Annual Eye Examination Benefit

AMERIGROUP members ages 21 and under have benefits for an annual eye health examination for the purpose of evaluating a member's ocular health, and determining the refractive status of the member. This annual eye health examination should be conducted in compliance with the Avesis Eye Examination Standards and Requirements (enclosed). Coverage includes the examination and the annual dispensing of spectacle frames and lens materials required to correct visual acuity one time every 366 days. *There is no benefit for an annual eye health examination for AMERIGROUP members ages 21 and over.*

Billing: The first comprehensive or intermediate examination during the member's benefit period, consistent with CPT code 92002 and 92004 for new patients; and 92012 and 92014 for established patients is to be provided and will be considered as the annual benefit. This service includes dilation, when professionally indicated, with refraction. The provider may not bill separately for dilation or refraction performed on the same date of service or within the same benefit period and only one (1) refraction will be covered in each benefit year so it should be provided as part of the initial examination. The codes listed above should be submitted directly to Avesis and will be reimbursed at the fee of \$40.00. **Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2009, S0620 and S0621 codes will no longer be acceptable in this program. Providers will continue to submit their claims for medical services to AMERIGROUP directly.**

#### Materials for Children

AMERIGROUP member's under the age of 21 years of age are eligible to receive, at no cost to the member, one pair of in selection spectacles lenses and frame, once every 366 days. The lens material should be CR-39, standard plastic lenses unless the member meets The State of Georgia's criteria for medically necessary polycarbonate lenses. The State of Georgia's criterion for polycarbonate lenses for children (under the age of 21 years) is a refractive error in excess of -5.25/+4.00 diopters in any of the four meridians. No prior authorization is required for children meeting this refractive error criterion.