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## Notice of Medi-Cal Optometry Services Reinstated

On July 1, 2009, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) eliminated some of the optional benefits for all adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries both on fee-for-service and managed care Medi-Cal health plans. One of the benefits eliminated was optometry and optical services.

Community Health Group is pleased to announce that effective July 26, 2010, DHCS has reinstated limited optometry services as a covered benefit for all adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries. As a Community Health Group provider, you may continue to refer your patients to one of our contracted Vision Service Plan (VSP) providers to obtain their eye exam.

For your information, the following optometry services have been reinstated:

- Diagnostic
- Ancillary
- Supplemental procedures used for evaluation of the visual system

**Please note that eyeglasses and eye appliances for adults remain a non-covered Medi-Cal benefit.**

If you or your staff has questions, please feel free to contact Victor Gonzalez, Provider Relations Supervisor, at (619) 498-6457 or email [vmgonza@chgsd.com](mailto:vmgonza@chgsd.com). Members with questions may contact our Member Services Department at (800) 224-7766 or (619) 498-6464.