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Update regarding reduction in reimbursement for eye care and eyewear

As previously published in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin* [BT201113](#), the IHCP implemented a 5% reduction in reimbursement to optometrists and opticians effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. **This reimbursement reduction has been extended to dates of service through December 31, 2013. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, reimbursement amounts will return to their pre-reduction levels.**

For dates of service July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, the IHCP will reduce reimbursement to optometrists and opticians by 5% for eyewear and eye care services. This rate reduction will be applied at the claim detail level, based on the rendering provider specialty. The IHCP-allowed amount for any services rendered by an optometrist (provider specialty 180) or an optician (provider specialty 190) will be reduced by 5%. The rate reduction will **not** apply to services provided by ophthalmologists (provider specialty 330). The reduction will occur before subtracting any third-party liability (TPL) for the claim.

This change applies to all Traditional Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, and *Care Select* claims, including Medicare crossover claims.

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