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To: Vision Providers
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
Date: August 20, 2026
Subject: **EEDs Are a Covered Benefit for Pediatric and Adult Members**

Annual Eye Exams for Members with Diabetes (EEDs) are a covered benefit for **both pediatric and adult Members**. These exams are essential to supporting and maintaining Member health.

If authorization for a comprehensive eye examination is obtained, an **EED may also be performed on the same day**, provided the Member is eligible for their annual routine eye exam. An “annual” EED may be completed **once per calendar year**, with at least nine (9) months having passed since the Member’s previous EED.



Please note that comprehensive eye exams and EEDs **require separate referrals for billing and tracking purposes**, as they are considered distinct services. *Refer to the 3-step process below when submitting referrals and CPT II Codes.*

Vision Providers:

1. **Obtain Authorization:** Prior to rendering services, **obtain an authorization for an EED by submitting a “DFE/DRE” referral via the Provider Portal.**

Service Information		
* Services Requested:	☐ Services	☐ Materials
	☒ DFE/DRE	☐ TPA
		☐ Contacts

2. **Notify PCP:** After rendering services, **notify the Member’s PCP, via fax or mail, of “normal” or “abnormal” results by filling out the “PCP Vision Report”** form available at: www.providerservices.iehp.org > Resources > Resources for Providers > Forms > Vision > PCP Vision Report Form (PDF).
3. **Submit Claim:** Include the appropriate CPT II Code (*on next page*) when submitting a claim to indicate if the exam was “normal” or “abnormal”.

Retinal Exam WITHOUT Evidence of Retinopathy Should Include One of the Following CPT Category II codes:

CPT II Code	Description
2023F	DRE exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, without evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2025F	7 standard field stereoscopic retinal photos with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, without evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2033F	Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from 7 standard field stereoscopic retinal photos, results documented and reviewed, without evidence of retinopathy (DM).

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2022F	DRE exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, with evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2024F	7 standard field stereoscopic retinal photos with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed, with evidence of retinopathy (DM).
2026F	Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from 7 standard stereoscopic retinal photos, results documented and reviewed, with evidence of retinopathy (DM).

***NEW* – EED Educational Resource for Vision Providers!**

IEHP has published a Quality Performance Learning Guide with best practices for Vision Providers performing diabetic retinal eye exams.

Please access the resource at: <https://www.providerservices.iehp.org> > Programs & Services > Provider Incentive Programs > Quality Performance Learning Guide > Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED).

If you have any questions, please contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org

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