

May 4, 2022

Dear Provider,

As part of Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT), eyeglasses and other vision services, including replacement and repair of eyeglasses, for members under the age of 21 years are covered by AHCCCS. Molina Complete Care of Arizona (MCC AZ) places no restrictions for EPSDT members for replacement and repair of eyeglasses, when medically necessary for vision correction. This includes, but is not limited to, loss, breakage, or change in prescription. To receive eyeglass replacement or repair, EPSDT members do not need to wait for their next scheduled EPSDT well child visit.

For Members under the age of 21, federal law requires AHCCCS to cover all services listed in 42 USC 1396d(a) when medically necessary and cost effective, even when the services are not listed as covered services in the AHCCCS State Plan, AHCCCS statutes, rules, or policies. This means that MCC AZ will cover these services for EPSDT members if the treatment or service is necessary to “correct or ameliorate” defects or physical and behavioral illnesses or conditions, as long as the services are not experimental.

Please note that members are not required to agree to any upgrades. To the extent that any upgrade is not covered and is to be member responsibility, the provider must ensure the member agrees to accept financial responsibility and signs a document, in advance, accepting payment responsibility. The member agreement to financial responsibility must also provide a description and approximate cost. General requirements for member billing are discussed in AAC R9-22-701.

As a reminder, members under the age of 21 can self-refer for vision services. MCC AZ uses VSP vision care and other network providers for vision services. Members can be directed to the MCC AZ website on line provider directory and <https://www.vsp.com/eye-doctor> to find a provider located conveniently within their area.

Have a wonderful day and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Molina Complete Care of Arizona