**Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:**

**Notice of Proposed Readoption with Amendments:**

**N.J.A.C. 10:62, Vision Care Services Manual**

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, N.J.A.C. 10:62, the Vision Care Services Manual, will expire on April 18, 2024. The chapter contains requirements for providers who render vision care services to Department of Human Services’ Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare beneficiaries. The Department has reviewed the chapter and has determined that the rules should be readopted, with amendments, because they are necessary, reasonable, adequate, efficient, and responsive to the purposes for which they were originally promulgated.

This communication provides advance notice that the Department of Human Services (DHS) proposes to readopt the chapter, with minor amendments.

The chapter contains three subchapters:

Subchapter 1 contains rules related to the provision of professional eye care services, including scope, definitions, provider requirements, covered services, examinations, office visits, hospital services, home services, prior authorization procedures, prescriptions, clinical laboratory services, contributions to care, recordkeeping, and reimbursement.

Subchapter 2 contains rules related to optical appliances and related services, including provider requirements; covered services; prior authorization procedures; specific policies for lenses, frames, warranties, and prosthetics; fabricating laboratories; recordkeeping; and reimbursement.

Subchapter 3 contains the list of procedure codes which must be used for reimbursement and the definitions of any qualifiers that are applicable to specified services.

The significant proposed amendments to this regulation will:

1. Require the use of a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and appropriate provider-specific taxonomy codes; and
2. Update billing codes.

Additional technical amendments to update contact information of any program, agency, or other resource provided in the chapter; correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation; correct codification errors and/or cross-references; eliminate unnecessary, duplicative, and superseded text; and/or clarify existing program rules may also be included in the proposed rulemaking.

The text of N.J.A.C. 10:62 can be found at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode>.

This notice provides you with an opportunity to comment on the upcoming readoption with amendments by **November 17, 2023**.

NOTE: You will be notified of the publication date of the proposed rulemaking once the date is finalized by the Office of Administrative Law, which will include a 60-day public comment period during which formal comments will be accepted.

Please send any comments that you have regarding this advance notice of the upcoming proposed rulemaking by the date indicated above to:

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General feedback or comments on any Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare rule or program is always welcome and can be submitted in the manner described above for consideration and possible inclusion in future rulemakings.

Thank you for your interest in the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program.