

NOTICE OF MAINECARE REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY CHANGE

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

AFFECTED SERVICES: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 75, Vision Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department will submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to add the existing reimbursement methodology for MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 75, Vision Services, into the State Plan. Reimbursement rates are determined based on the following lowest benchmark:

- A. The fee for service rate is set at fifty-three percent (53%) of the lowest level in the current Medicare fee schedule for Maine in effect at that time; or
- B. The lowest amount allowed by Medicare Part B for Maine area "99" non-facility fee schedule; or
- C. The amount allowed under Section 90 Physician Services; or
- D. The provider's usual and customary charge.

In addition, the Department will request approval to add the following service:

Code	Code Description	Proposed Rate
65778	Placement of amniotic membrane on the ocular surface; without sutures	\$629.73

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: To add a billable service to this section of the State Plan and describe the reimbursement methodology for vision services.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: This is not expected to result in an increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures because the additional service is already a reimbursable service under other sections of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926.

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