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| To | SFHP Providers and Medical Groups |
| From | SFHP Provider Relations provider.relations@sfhp.org 415-547-7818 ext. 7084 |
| Regarding | Reinstatement of Optometry Services to Adult Medi-Cal Members |

Dear Providers and Medical Groups,

Effective **July 26, 2010** optometry services benefits (*eye exams only*) have been reinstated to adult Medi-Cal members ages 21 and older.

NOTE: No changes have been made to the vision benefits of Medi-Cal members under the age of 21 years old.

| | Covered Vision Services | Excluded Vision Services |
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| Adult MC Member (21 years and older) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometry exams every 24 months. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenses • Frames • Contact lenses |
| Child MC Member (younger than 21 years) | No change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometry exams every 24 months. • Lenses • Frames • Contact lenses | |

Because of the risk that diabetes poses to vision, it is very important to SFHP that all of our members with diabetes receive their annual eye exams. Please tell your SFHP patients with diabetes that their eye exam with VSP (every 24 months alternating with an eye exam from an ophthalmologist) and eye exam with an ophthalmologist (every 24 months alternating with VSP eye exams) is paid by SFHP, and assist them in scheduling these exams by referring them to *SFHP at 1(800) 288-5555*, to *VSP at www.vsp.com*, or to an ophthalmologist within your medical group.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact *Provider Relations at provider.relations@sfhp.org or 415-547-7818 ext. 7084.*