

## OPTOMETRY EXAMINATIONS (SIMPLE REFRACTION)

### Policy

1. Requests to “check eyes” for routine refraction and related screening examinations do not require a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR).  
Payment for such routine evaluations is returned to the member, up to a maximum of \$50.00 per Plan year.
2. In all cases the patient, not the Plan, makes the appointment.
3. The Plan does not pre-approve any form of therapy or treatment by the examining physician.

### Procedure

Member submits a REIMBURSEMENT FORM to the Plan, accompanied by a receipt of payment, within 180 days of date of service.

**A. Attachments:** None

**B. References:** None

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