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Dear eye care professional,

Thank you for your participation in the Versant Health panel of eye care professionals. As part of our ongoing commitment to open lines of communication, we are sending this letter to inform you of updates and additional medical policies recently approved by the Versant Health Utilization Management Committee.

The following policies have been added or updated with effective dates as noted.

Policy Number and Name	Criteria Changes	Effective Date
1316 Eye Exams	Explicit exclusion of screening exam as a billable service on same day as a routine or medical eye exam	11/01/2021
1319 Perimetry (Visual Field Testing)	No criteria changes	10/01/2021
1321 Clinical Policy Eyelid Lesion Removal	Added indication of malignant lesions over 4.0 cm	10/01/2021
1327 Clinical Policy - Glaucoma Surgery	Removed exclusion from surgery for closed angle glaucoma and excessive synechiae; removed inclusion of borderline glaucoma; added requirement for presurgical eye exam to include gonioscopy for evaluation of optic nerve for changes	01/01/2022
1331 Clinical Policy - Fundus Photography	Adds Imaging of retina with point-of-care automated analysis and report (AI).	10/01/2021
1332 Clinical Policy – Punctal Plugs	Changed required trial of artificial tears to topical therapies; deleted exclusion for postoperative care following cosmetic refractive surgery;	10/01/2021
1337 Clinical Policy - Vision Therapy and Orthoptics	Limit indications to convergence insufficiency; remove discussion of esotropia and amblyopia; clarify that 12 visits includes patient training and transition to independent exercises	01/01/2022

1338 Clinical Policy – External Ocular Photography	No criteria change	10/01/2021
1340 Clinical Policy - Iris Prosthesis	New policy outlines iris prosthesis as investigational therapy that is not considered medically necessary at this time.	10/01/2021

Versant Health, which brings you the Superior Vision network and the Davis Vision network, maintains and provides access to our policies which can be accessed via the Eye Care Professional Portal located at [ecp.versanthealth.com](http://ecp.versanthealth.com). The medical policies can be found by selecting “Health Plans” and then “Medical Management” from the left side navigation bar on the portal home page. Additionally, the most current Prior Authorization List can be found in the same location.

We greatly appreciate the professional services which you render to our members. Thank you for being a part of the Versant Health network of eye care professionals.

Sincerely,



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