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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 Medical Policy Council.

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

Policy Number and Name	Criteria Changes	Effective Date
1301 Eyelid and Eyebrow Surgery	Combine/reorganize CPT groups; deletion of lower eyelid blepharoplasty as a non-medically necessary procedure.	7/1/2022
1304 Optical Coherence Tomography	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1305 YAG Capsulotomy	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1307 Corneal Pachymetry	Deleted criteria requiring documentation of reliability of the CCT measurement and patient cooperation.	7/1/2022
1316 Eye Exams	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1318 Low Vision Evaluation and Rehab	New criteria for implantable intraocular telescope	9/1/2022
1322 Laser Peripheral Iridotomy	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1323 Experimental and Investigational Services	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1325 Botulinum Toxin	No criteria change	7/1/2022
1327 Glaucoma Surgery	Criteria changes made: addition of named examples for stents and drainage devices; additional criteria for goniotomy; added indication of nerve fiber loss.	9/1/2022
1328 Keratoconus and related Corneal Ectasias	No criteria change	7/1/2022
1329 Pterygium	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1330 Specialty Spectacle Lenses	No criteria change	7/1/2022
1333 Refractive Surgery	No criteria change	7/1/2022
1342 Remote Monitoring of Intermediate Stage Macular Degeneration	No criteria change	5/1/2022
1345 Verteporfin (Visudyne)	No criteria change	7/1/2022
1348 DEXTENZA	New policy to extract pharmacological agent from policy 1346 Corticosteroids - no criteria change.	9/1/2022

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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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