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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
1308 Laser Trabeculoplasty	No criteria change	10/1/2022
1309 Medically Necessary Contact Lenses	Restructure policy by indications; add hydrophilic lenses	1/1/2023
1319 Perimetry Visual Field Testing	No criteria change	8/1/2022
1321 Eyelid Lesion Removal	No criteria change	10/1/2022
1326 Laser Photocoagulation of Retina	Criteria for photocoagulation and cryotherapy rewritten for retinovitreal neovascularization. Add prior authorization requirement to CPT code 67299.	1/1/2023
1331 Fundus Photography	No criteria change; add CPT code 92227.	10/1/2022
1332 Punctal Plugs	Added indication of corneal inflammatory disease.	10/1/2022
1334 Electrophysiology Testing	No criteria change	8/1/2022
1335 Extended Ophthalmoscopy	No criteria change	10/1/2022
1336 Telemedicine	Administrative change to modifiers	10/1/2022
1337 Vision Therapy and Orthoptics	No criteria change	10/1/2022
1338 External Ocular Photography	No criteria change	8/1/2022
1340 Prosthetic Iris Devices	No criteria change	8/1/2022

Policy Number and Name	Criteria Changes	Effective Date
1341 Meibomian Gland Dx and Tx	No criteria change	8/1/2022
1346 Corticosteroid Implants	No criteria change	1/1/2023

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. 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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