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**Subject:** HIPAA-Mandated Procedure Code/Modifier Changes

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid, Children's Special Health Care Services

This bulletin notifies providers of HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) changes for the Vision Program which will be implemented by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003 in order to comply with HIPAA requirements.

Listed below are the HCPCS procedure code and/or modifier changes being adopted by DCH for Optical Laboratory (Provider Type 95), Optician and dispensing Ophthalmologist (Provider Type 86), and Optometrist (Provider Type 94). All procedure codes and/or modifiers being deleted will be eliminated from use for dates of service after September 30, 2003.

Refer to your 2003 CPT and/or HCPCS codebooks for the full description of the new codes.

**Table 1 - Additions**  
(for dates of service on and after 10/1/03)

HCPCS Code	Short Description
S0581	Nonstandard lens (list in addition to basic code for lens)
S0592	Comprehensive contact lens evaluation
HCPCS Modifier	Short Description
U1	Polycarbonate lenses
U2	High Index lenses

**Table 2 - Deletions**  
(do not use for dates of service after 9/30/03)

HCPCS Code	Short Description
Z3001	Eyeglass case
Z3002	Replace, frame front
Z3003	Replace, temples
Z3004	Replace, nose pads

HCPSC Modifier	Short Description
VC	Polycarbonate lenses
VG	Industrial Thickness & Polycarbonate lenses
HCPSC Modifier	Short Description
VH	High Index lenses
VI	Industrial Thickness lenses

### Ordering/Billing Instructions

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2003:

- Use procedure code S0581 in addition to the appropriate lens code when ordering or billing for industrial thickness lenses.
- Use modifier U1 with the appropriate lens code to indicate polycarbonate lenses, instead of modifier VC, when ordering or billing for polycarbonate lenses.
- Use the combination of procedure code S0581 (to indicate industrial thickness) along with the appropriate lens code with modifier U1 (to indicate polycarbonate) when ordering or billing for industrial thickness polycarbonate lenses. Do not use modifier U1 with S0581.
- Use modifier U2 with the appropriate lens code (to indicate high index lenses) instead of modifier VH when ordering or billing for high index lenses.
- Use Procedure Code S0592 to bill for a comprehensive contact lens evaluation when this is the only service performed. S0592 may not be billed with any other procedure code.

### Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin for future reference.

### Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231 or e-mail [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll free 1-800-292-2550.

### Approval



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