

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Next and First Choice Next Providers

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Subject: Kidney and Eye Health Evaluation for Patients with Diabetes

Diabetes is the leading cause of chronic kidney disease (CKD) – approximately 1 in 3 adults with diabetes has CKD¹. As many as 90% of people with CKD do not know they have it, because it often has no symptoms. CKD gets progressively worse, leading to heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure. Annual monitoring of kidney health is crucial for people with diabetes, as early detection and management of kidney disease can help prevent these complications and can help stop or slow kidney damage.

In addition to kidney disease, diabetes is also a leading cause of blindness and glaucoma. For both kidney and eye disease, AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next is seeing low screening rates of eligible diabetic patients. As an AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next Health provider, I am requesting your support. Help improve the outcomes of our diabetic members by screening patients with diabetes annually with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), a urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR), and a retinal eye examination.

AmeriHealth Caritas Next and First Choice reimburses for the following laboratory tests and examinations for diabetic kidney and eye care.

Description	CPT
Estimated Glomerular Filtration (eGFR) Rate lab test	80047, 80048, 80050, 80053, 80069, 82565
Quantitative Urine Albumin Lab Test	82043
Urine Creatinine Lab Test	82570
Diabetic Retinal Eye Exam	67028, 67030, 67031, 67036, 67039, 67041, 67042, 67043, 67101, 67105, 67107, 67108, 67110, 67113, 67121, 67141, 67145, 67208, 67210, 67218, 67220, 67221, 67227, 67228, 92002, 92004, 92012, 92014, 92018, 92019, 92134, 92201, 92202, 92227, 92228, 92230, 92235, 92240, 92250, 92260, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245
Eye exam with evidence of retinopathy	CPT-CAT II: 2022F: Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed; with evidence of retinopathy (DM) 2024F: Seven standard field stereoscopic retinal photos with

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Eye exam without evidence of retinopathy	CPT-CAT II: 2023F: Dilated retinal eye exam with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed; without evidence of retinopathy (DM) 2025F: Seven standard field stereoscopic retinal photos with interpretation by an ophthalmologist or optometrist documented and reviewed; without evidence of retinopathy (DM) 2033F: Eye imaging validated to match diagnosis from seven standard field stereoscopic retinal photos results documented and reviewed; without evidence of retinopathy (DM)
Eye Exam with unilateral eye enucleation	65091, 65093, 65101, 65103, 65105, 65110, 65112, 65114

Please encourage and remind patients with diabetes within your practice to see their primary care provider to get their needed screenings. If your member doesn't have a PCP, they can select one from our online Provider directory, at www.amerhealthcaritasnext.com

AmeriHealth Caritas Next/First Choice Next will continue to educate and outreach to members on the importance of preventive screenings. Together, we can make a difference.

Best regards,



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Thank you for your participation in our network and your continued commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services Department for your state.

¹ Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 2022. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/diabetes-complications/diabetes-and-chronic-kidney-disease.html>

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