

A notice for Optical Service Providers from Alberta Blue Cross®

We would like to remind our optical providers on the correct process for claiming multiple tints, high-index and coatings on a single pair of lenses. As per the Alberta Human Services optical agreement and as outlined in the Optical Services Fee Schedule, providers should only be claiming one tint, high-index or coating per lens. Claims submitted with multiple high indexes, tints or coatings will be rejected.

In addition to the basic services, please ensure that you are only claiming one high-index and one tint. Anti-reflection coating will be paid on high index lenses only. Therefore, in addition to the high-index code, please ensure you are only claiming one coating. Please see below for the available high-index, tint and coating codes.

High-index plastic and glass lenses

In addition to basic services, a provider can only claim one of the following benefit codes, per body side if they meet the minimum criteria of at least +/-6.00 dioptres in any meridian:

- 1200 – Polycarbonate 1.58
- 1210 – 1.60 index material Rx 6.00 or greater
- 1220 – 1.60 index aspheric Rx 6.00 or greater
- 1225 – 1.67 index Rx Over 10.00D
- 1230 – 1.70 index glass Rx Over 10.00D
- 1240 – 1.80 index glass Rx Over 12.00D

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In addition to basic services, a provider can only claim one of the following benefit codes, per body side:

- 1300 – Photogray
- 1400 – Polarized Grey & Brown
- 1410 – G-15
- 1420 – Grey 1, 2,3
- 1430 – Pink 1,2
- 1440 – Yellow
- 1500 – Solid tint or coating
- 1532 – Bleach tint
- 1740 – UV Protection

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Coating

In addition to basic services, a provider can only claim one of the following benefit codes, per body side:

1700 – AR Multilayer

1720 – Nikon Multilayer

Transitions

In addition to basic services, a provider can claim transitions if they have approved medical rationale. Transitions cannot be claimed in conjunction with additional tints, but can be claimed in conjunction with high-index.

1350 – Transition

Contact lenses

May be eligible for the medical conditions outlined in the optical benefit grid only.

2000 – Contact lenses

For assistance with benefit or claim inquiries, please contact an Alberta Blue Cross Provider Services contact centre representative at:
780-498-8083 (Edmonton and area) • **1-800-588-1195** (toll free) • healthinq@ab.bluecross.ca

Support is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

