



A NOTICE FOR OPTICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM ALBERTA BLUE CROSS

Good afternoon,

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We would like to remind all of 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. Changes have now been made to our system that will identify claims that have been submitted with multiple high indexes, tints or coatings and will reject them accordingly.

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 as long as 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

Tints and coating

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

Coating

In addition to the high-index code, 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 as long as 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



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