

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Care Advisory Committee
Item for Committee Advise ment**

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SUBJECT: Discontinue the single source Optician contract

OBJECTIVE: Update the State Plan to reflect the policy change that allows any willing and qualified provider to provide these services.

BACKGROUND: Currently the agency utilizes a single source vendor to produce eye wear for the vision program. Effective January 1, 2014, SCDHHS will update the Vision Services policy to allow Medicaid enrolled retail optical establishments or self-employed ophthalmic dispenser (Optician) to be reimbursed by the Fee For Service program for eyeglass lenses, frames and other services as outlined in the Physician, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals manual for recipients under the age of 21.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: The estimated fiscal impact will be \$3 million per fiscal year. This will cover both the FFS and the MCO cost.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: Medicaid recipient under the age of 21 and enrolled with a Managed Care plan, will have their ophthalmic benefits managed by the plan. FFS members will continue to receive these services from enrolled providers.

EXTERNAL GROUPS AFFECTED: The MCOs, Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, and Opticians

RECOMMENDATION: Amend State Plan with appropriate language and make necessary system updates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014