

CHAPTER 1
SECTION 16.1

OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES - BASIC PROGRAM

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I. DESCRIPTION

Ophthalmological services may include an examination and other specialized services. The purpose of an examination is to diagnose or treat a medical condition of the eye, eyelid, lacrimal system, or orbit. A "routine eye examination" is an evaluation of the eyes, including but not limited to refractive services, that is not related to a medical or surgical condition or to the medical or surgical treatment of a covered illness or injury.

II. POLICY

A. For all beneficiaries, ophthalmological services (including refractive services) provided in connection with the medical or surgical treatment of a covered illness or injury are covered.

B. For family members of active duty personnel only, one "routine eye examination" per calendar year per family member is covered.

C. For Prime enrollees see "TRICARE Prime Clinical Preventive Services" policy for additional information on eye examination.

III. EXCLUSION

Coverage may not be extended for "routine eye examinations" provided to beneficiaries other than family members of active duty personnel.

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