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Partnering for a Clearer Vision

WCMAS, in collaboration with PPS Health Administrators (PPSHA), introduces the 2026 Optical Provider Network designed to promote preventative eye health and ensure accessible, affordable care for all members. The network connects members to qualified optometrists who deliver quality services and support early detection of visual impairments.

Our aim is to strengthen healthcare partnerships, simplify administrative processes, and enhance clinical outcomes. Providers play a vital role in this system, ensuring timely, effective care and maintaining the highest professional standards.

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Optical Benefits



Benefit Summary

Tariff Code	Description	2026 Fees / Benefit
11001 / 11081	Eye Test / Consultation	R295 (Consultation fee excluded)
93200	Single Vision Lenses & Frames <u>or</u> Contact Lenses	R1 300 per beneficiary every two years
93300	Bifocal / Multifocal Lenses & Frames	R1 910 per beneficiary every two years

Note: Benefits apply only to contracted optical providers within WCMAS's network. Members using non-network optometrists may incur co-payments

Acuity Levels and Clinical Guidance

Optometrists are expected to measure and record visual acuity during every consultation to ensure accurate diagnosis and treatment.

Acuity Level	Interpretation	Action Required
20/20-20-200	Normal or near-normal vision	Routine check every 2 years
20/40-20/60	Mild visual impairment	Prescribe corrective lenses; follow up in 12 months
20/80-20/200	Moderate to severe impairment	Refer to Ophthalmologist
Worse than 20/200	Severe visual impairment	Urgent specialist intervention required

Accurate recording supports WCMAS's ongoing monitoring of care quality and helps improve early detection of eye conditions.

Provider Responsibilities

Participating optical providers must:

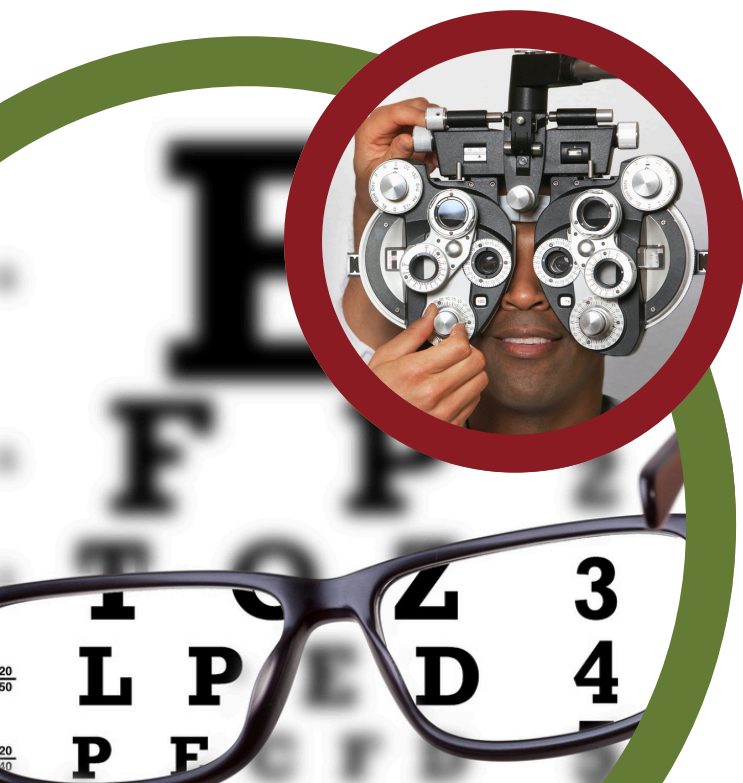
- 1 Verify member eligibility and benefits in real time using PPSHA's online portal.
- 2 Submit electronic claims with correct tariff codes.
- 3 Maintain detailed clinical and diagnostic records (including acuity results).
- 4 Educate members about preventative care and benefit usage.
- 5 Participate in ongoing network education and compliance audits.

Integrating Optical Care with Chronic Disease Management



Optical providers play a key role in supporting members living with chronic conditions that impact vision such as diabetes and hypertension.

- Encourage registration on Chronic Medicine Benefit and Disease Risk Management (DRM) programmes.
- Early registration allows members access to medication, diagnostic, and monitoring benefits.
- As gatekeepers, optometrists ensure adherence to care plans and effective referral management.



Committed to Preventative Eye Health

PPSHA and WCMAS are committed to:

- Reducing preventable vision loss.
- Promoting regular eye screenings.
- Enhancing digital tools for claims and authorisations.
- Providing continuous provider engagement and education.

Together, we aim to strengthen provider collaboration, ensure quality service delivery, and support the long-term vision health of all WCMAS members.