

Washington Specific Information

This document contains information specific to the State of Washington. Please refer to the Provider Reference Guide for general information regarding plan administration.

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1.1 Notice of Updates

Notice of updates published June 28, 2024.

- Added Apple Health Expansion effective 07/01/2024.

1.2 Covered Benefits – UnitedHealthcare Community Plan – Apple Health (Medicaid)

Benefit Plan(s): UDWAM-20, UDWAM-21

| Benefit | Benefit Limitations/Criteria |
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| Exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 service date every year for asymptomatic clients ages 20 and under or asymptomatic clients of the division of developmental disabilities, regardless of age. 1 service date every 2 years for asymptomatic clients ages 21 and older. Additional exams are covered when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provider is diagnosing or treating the client for a medical condition that has symptoms of vision problems or disease The client is on medication that affects vision The service is necessary due to lost or broken eyeglasses/contact lenses. In this case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No type of confirmation is required for clients 20 years of age or younger or clients of the division of developmental disabilities, regardless of age. Providers must obtain confirmation to receive payment for clients 21 years of age or older. Provider must also document the following in the client's file: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eyeglasses or contacts are lost or broken The last examination was at least 18 months ago |
| Second Opinion Exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 service date every year for asymptomatic clients ages 20 and under or asymptomatic clients of the division of developmental disabilities, regardless of age. 1 service date every 2 years for asymptomatic clients ages 21 and older. Providers MUST obtain prior confirmation. To identify a second opinion exam, please bill with modifier SO. |
| Eyeglass and Contact Lens Fitting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 service dates every calendar year. Fitting of replacement frames and covered repairs are included. |
| Lenses and Frames | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyeglass frames, lenses, and fabrication services are covered under the Health Care Authority's selective contract for these services for ages 20 and under. \$100 allowance for a single pair of frames and lenses every 2 years for ages 21 and older. |
| Necessary Medical Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered as needed when services are performed by an optometrist and are within the scope of licensure. |
| Non-Covered Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surgical eye care. |

1.3 Covered Benefits – UnitedHealthcare Community Plan – Apple Health Expansion (Medicaid)

Benefit Plan(s): UDWAM-20EX, UDWAM-21EX

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