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### Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Vision Services Third Party Liability Billing Requirement Change – Effective Immediately**

Issue Date: 10/26/2022

Run Length: 8 weeks

Provider Type(s): 035, 075

Provider Specialty: 018

Message: The Department received clarification from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the [CMCS Information Bulletin](#) issued August 27, 2021. CMS has determined that the department may no longer waive third party liability (TPL) requirements for vision services, to include eyeglasses. The only exception is routine vision services for dual eligible members that only have Medicare and Medicaid. All vision claims received on or after October 26, 2022 are subject to these TPL requirements.

For eyeglasses, the ordering provider must determine if the member has vision benefits through another payer, bill the other payer, and obtain an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from the other payer for either exhaustion or non-coverage of services prior to Medicaid covering eyeglasses.

To ensure compliance with CMS, Alaska Medicaid is now requiring prior authorization for eyeglasses when the member has vision coverage through another payer. To request a prior authorization, use the [Vision Service Authorization Request form](#) and attach a copy of the EOB from the other payer.

For more information on Third Party Liability, please see the training presentation located [here](#).

Questions? Contact Carrie Silvers at 907.269.4576.