



VISION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ENROLLED IN DC MEDICAID

If your child is enrolled in DC Medicaid, vision services are available through your child's primary care provider or needed eye specialists!



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Are eye exams covered?

Yes, vision screening is a part of your child's periodic well-child visits with their primary care provider (PCP). Beginning at age 3, it is recommended that your child obtains vision screenings. If referred by your child's PCP or school nurse, DC Medicaid will cover at least one eye examination by a specialist each year. DC Medicaid will cover additional vision services if they are determined medically necessary by the child's optometrist or ophthalmologist.



Are eyeglasses or contact lenses covered?

For children and youth under the age of 21, DC Medicaid covers one pair of eyeglasses per year. When a child has lost his or her eyeglasses or when the prescription for eye glasses has changed by more than one-half (.5) diopter, then another set of eyeglasses is covered. If replacement glasses are needed within a given year, the request will require authorization by your health plan.

* If it has been medically determined that the child needs contact lenses instead of or in addition to eyeglasses, then your health plan will cover contact lenses.



What types of frames and lenses are covered?

Most frames and lenses are covered without prior authorization.

For more information on which types of frames and lenses are covered for your child, please contact:

- AmeriHealth Caritas DC: **(800) 408-7511, (202) 408-4720**
- CareFirst Community Health Plan DC: **(833) 554-1013**
- Fee-For-Service: **(202) 698-2000**
- Health Services for Children with Special Needs: **(866) 937-4549, (202) 467-2737**
- MedStar Family Choice DC: **(844) 391-6678**



Does DC Medicaid pay for rides to medical appointments and language services?

If your child is enrolled in DC Medicaid, you and your child can receive free rides to and from their appointments.

Call the numbers below to schedule a free ride (with timeframes)!

- AmeriHealth Caritas DC: **(800) 315-3485**
(2 days before appointment)
- CareFirst Community Health Plan DC: **(855) 824-5693**
(1 day before appointment)
- Fee-For-Service: **(866) 796-0601**
(3 days before appointment)
- Health Services for Children with Special Needs: **(866) 991-5433**
(1 day before appointment)
- MedStar Family Choice DC: **(866) 201-9974**
(1 day before appointment)

If your child's school nurse or doctor refers them to an eye specialist and you need help finding an optometrist, please contact:

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To see if your child is eligible for DC Medicaid, visit dchealthlink.com/individuals/medicaid or call **(855) 532-5465**.

Language services are available at **(202) 639-4030**.

If you have trouble getting services, contact your health plan's member services office or the DC Office of Health Care Ombudsman and Bill of Rights: **(877) 685-6391**