

HB1297\_L.011

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Health, Insurance, & Environment.

HB15-1297 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 3 and substitute "(b.5), (2) (b.7),  
2 (2) (d) (III), (2) (d) (IV), (2) (d) (V), and (2) (e) as follows:".

3 Page 2, line 6, strike "SECTION (2)," and substitute "SUBSECTION (2),".

4 Page 2, line 9, strike "ON," and substitute "ON".

5 Page 2, strike lines 12 through 18 and substitute "PLAN OR MANAGED  
6 CARE PLAN. NOTHING IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (I) PROHIBITS A HEALTH  
7 COVERAGE PLAN OR A MANAGED CARE PLAN FROM NEGOTIATING  
8 DISCOUNTS FOR EYE CARE SERVICES AND CORRECTIVE LENSES THAT ARE  
9 NOT A COVERED SERVICE BY THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN OR MANAGED  
10 CARE PLAN WITH AN OPTOMETRIST.

11 (II) REQUIRE A VISION CARRIER PROVIDING VISION SERVICES WITH  
12 WHOM THE HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN OR MANAGED CARE PLAN CONTRACTS  
13 TO REQUIRE AN OPTOMETRIST TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE VISION PLANS  
14 OF THE VISION CARRIER IN ORDER TO CONTRACT WITH THE HEALTH  
15 COVERAGE PLAN OR MANAGED CARE PLAN.".

16 Page 3, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute:

17 "(b.7) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF  
18 THIS SUBSECTION (2), A CARRIER THAT IS SOLELY PROVIDING COVERAGE  
19 FOR VISION SERVICES AND CORRECTIVE LENSES SHALL NOT:

20 (I) ESTABLISH, LIMIT, OR REQUIRE DISCOUNTS ON THE FEE AN  
21 OPTOMETRIST MAY CHARGE FOR EYE CARE SERVICES OR CORRECTIVE  
22 LENSES THAT ARE NOT A COVERED SERVICE. NOTHING IN THIS  
23 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) PROHIBITS A CARRIER THAT IS SOLELY PROVIDING  
24 COVERAGE FOR VISION SERVICES AND CORRECTIVE LENSES FROM  
25 NEGOTIATING DISCOUNTS FOR CORRECTIVE LENSES THAT ARE NOT  
26 COVERED BY THE CARRIER WITH AN OPTOMETRIST.

27 (II) REQUIRE THAT AN OPTOMETRIST PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE  
28 CARRIER'S PLANS FOR VISION SERVICES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR  
29 PARTICIPATION IN A HEALTH COVERAGE PLAN OR MANAGED CARE PLAN OF  
30 ANOTHER CARRIER.".

31 Page 3, strike lines 9 through 12 and substitute:



1           "(III) "CORRECTIVE LENSES" INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO,  
2 LENSES, DEVICES CONTAINING LENSES, ARTIFICIAL INTRAOCULAR LENSES,  
3 OPHTHALMIC FRAMES AND OTHER LENS MOUNTING APPARATUS, PRISMS,  
4 LENS TREATMENTS AND COATING, CONTACT LENSES, AND PROSTHETIC  
5 DEVICES TO CORRECT, RELIEVE, OR TREAT DEFECTS OR ABNORMAL  
6 CONDITIONS OF THE HUMAN EYE OR ITS ADNEXA THAT ARE CONSISTENT  
7 WITH AN OPTOMETRIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AS OUTLINED IN ARTICLE 40  
8 OF TITLE 12, C.R.S.

9           (IV) "COVERED SERVICE" MEANS VISION CARE FOR WHICH  
10 REIMBURSEMENT IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE ENROLLEE'S PLAN CONTRACT,  
11 POLICY OR CERTIFICATE, OR FOR WHICH A REIMBURSEMENT WOULD BE  
12 AVAILABLE BUT FOR THE APPLICATION OF CONTRACTUAL LIMITATIONS,  
13 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS,  
14 COINSURANCE, WAITING PERIODS, ANNUAL OR LIFETIME MAXIMUMS,  
15 FREQUENCY LIMITATIONS, ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PAYMENTS, OR ANY  
16 OTHER LIMITATION.

17           (V) "VISION SERVICES" MEANS REFRACTIVE SERVICES."

18 Page 3, strike lines 15 through 23.

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