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To: All WellSense Providers

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Subject: **Understanding the HEDIS Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED) measure**

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Understanding the HEDIS Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED) measure

Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness among adults. Regular screenings are a crucial prevention. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 90% of diabetes-related vision loss can be avoided with early detection and treatment. WellSense wants to help you understand the HEDIS Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes (EED) measure and highlight some tips to improve member awareness and compliance.

Measure description

The percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) who had a retinal eye exam

Measure compliance

- Retinal or dilated eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist in the measurement year
- Negative retinal or dilated eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist in the year prior to the measurement year
- Bilateral eye enucleations anytime during their history through December 31 of the measurement year

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The eye exam must be performed by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist. In addition, the medical record must indicate that the exam was a dilated or retinal exam. A fundus photograph can also be used to screen for retinopathy. It must include results, date and signature of the reading eye professional.

If a member has retinopathy, they should have an eye exam every year. If a member doesn't have retinopathy, then an exam is due every two years.

You should encourage members to monitor their vision at each health care visit. Review common signs of eye health issues. Track member's visits to eye professionals and remind members that the primary care provider needs a copy of the exam, and it should be included in the chart. This allows visibility to the member's care plan.

Where to learn more

For more information and best practices on this and other HEDIS measures, please visit [here](#).

Questions?

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