

InterChange Provider Important Message

**Attention Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Opticians,
Outpatient Hospitals, and Hearing Aid Providers**

**Children's Health Insurance Program/HUSKY B Services -
Elimination of Allowances for Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids –
DSS Payment in Full**

Effective July 1, 2025 and forward, and consistent with the requirements under 42 C.F.R. §457.480 for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), also known as HUSKY B services, the \$100 allowance for eyeglasses and \$1000 allowance for hearing aids will be discontinued. Instead, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will provide reimbursement in full, up to the fee schedule amount allowed, for these services for HUSKY B members.

Effective July 1, 2025 and forward, HUSKY B members will no longer be responsible for any portion of coverage for eyeglasses or hearing aids. The reimbursement received by DSS will be considered payment in full.

No other changes have been made to policy, prior authorization or billing requirements associated with these services.

Providers will not need to do anything when submitting claims, the claims processing system will be set up to reimburse for eyeglasses and hearing aids for amounts greater than the \$100 and \$1000 allowances, respectively and when applicable, according to the maxfee amounts on the applicable fee schedules.