



# Calhoun County Senior Services

## Minimum Service Standard

**SERVICE NAME: VISION SERVICES**

**DEFINITION:** The vision services program is designed to help persons 60 years of age and older with the costs associated with eye examinations and the acquisition of eye glasses.

**UNIT OF SERVICE:** One unit of service equals vision services for one person. Reimbursement is based on a line-item budget with purchase of service for vision services.

**INCOME REQUIREMENT:** Yes. Recipients must be at or below 200% of the poverty level as published in the most recent Federal Register. Recipients, whose household income is between 150 to 200% poverty level, are requested to pay a cost-share of \$24 for vision services.

**DESIRED OUTCOME:** Seniors have their vision needs met which helps to improve their capacity to engage in activities of daily living, thus supporting independence.

### **MINIMUM STANDARDS:**

**A. Recipient Eligibility Criteria** – In addition to the recipient eligibility criteria contained in the “All Services” standard, the following shall apply:

1. Recipient cannot have other insurance coverage for eye exams and/or eye glasses

**B. Intake Information** – Basic information must be gathered for all recipients on a standardized intake document. The following minimum information is required:

1. Recipient’s name, address and telephone number
2. Proof of birth date (Drivers License or ID Card)
3. Proof of income

**C. Service Provision** – Optometric services shall be provided by an optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed to practice in Michigan. This service shall be made available at more than one location in the County, or the recipient is to be assisted with transportation to the service location if requested.

**D. Service Costs** – Eyeglasses provided must be the least costly alternative that is appropriate for the individual’s vision condition up to a maximum cost of \$325 per pair. Total of eyeglasses, exam and administrative costs should not exceed \$375 per individual.

1. Participants will not be eligible for more than one (1) pair eyeglasses every two (2) years, unless prior approved by the Senior Services Manager.
2. The program is to seek alternative service delivery methods that would utilize local service organizations (e.g. Grace Health, Lions, Rotary, and Kiwanis) as partners in longer term community ventures that maximize the number of seniors served.