



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 14 – VISION (EYE) CARE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL EYE PROFESSIONALS

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On August 1, 2015, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) introduced two new codes: 604220 Lens Benefit, Left Lens (SHC) and 604225 Lens Benefit, Right Lens (SHC).

These codes are to be used only when the maximum allowance of \$700 every two calendar years for codes 604210 Lens Benefit - Left Lens (Corrective) and 604215 Lens Benefit - Right Lens (Corrective) **has been reached and one of the conditions below has been met**. A calendar year is the period that starts January 1 in a given year and ends December 31 of the same year.

To exceed the maximum allowance and to use the new codes, the prescription must show a significant change in the vision of one or both eyes as follows:

- 1) at least 0.50 diopters on the sphere and/or cylinder; or
- 2) change totalling 0.50 diopters in the add (i.e., 0.25 change in distance and a 0.25 change in near is a total of 0.50 change in the add); or
- 3) an axis change > 3 degrees of a cylinder power up to -1.00 diopters, 2 degrees for a cylinder power - 1.00 to -2.50 diopter or 1 degree for a cylinder power > -2.50 diopter; or
- 4) a change in the vertical prism of at least 1 prism diopter or in horizontal prism of at least 2 prism diopters.

Pre-authorization is required.

Providers must not charge RCMP Members more than other clients who are residents of the province.

Should you have any questions, please contact Medavie Blue Cross Provider Inquiry at 1-888-261-4033.

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