

d. Injections are excluded when oral drugs may be used in lieu of injections.

e. Therapeutic abortions are covered only in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; therapeutic abortions are also covered in cases of rape or incest.

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6.b. Optometrists' Services

(1) Routine eye exams and refractions are only covered for recipients under 21 years of age and are limited to once per year based on general medical practice as published in North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance's Medicaid clinical coverage policies on the Division's website at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/mp/mpindex.htm>. Additional eye refractions may be authorized by the State Medicaid Agency, based on medical necessity.

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