

North Carolina
State Health Plan
for Teachers and State Employees and
NC Health Choice for Children

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Cataract Lenses For Aphakia
Policy Number: ME0105

This is a North Carolina Health Choice Policy Only.
Active policy, not scheduled for routine review.

Definition:

Aphakia is the absence of the crystalline lens of the eye. The function of the lens is to focus light rays so they form a perfect image on the retina, allowing vision to occur.

Coverage:

Cataract lenses (glasses, including lenses and frame, or contact lenses) for persons with aphakia are covered. Charges for necessary examinations and fittings are covered.

Approval Procedures:

Prior approval is not required.

Limitations and Exclusions:

1. Coverage is limited to one set of cataract lenses every two years (24 months) for persons 18 years of age or older.
2. Coverage is limited to one set of cataract lenses every year (12 months) for persons less than 18 years of age.
3. Benefits will be limited to either glasses or contact lenses but not both.

Source:

GS 135-42 (b)

GS 108A-70.21(b)

G.S. 135-40.6(4)e (statute effective through 6/30/2008 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 135-40.6(8)l (statute effective through 6/30/2008 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 135-40.6(9)f (statute effective through 6/30/2008 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 135-40.7(13) (statute effective through 6/30/2008 for Predecessor Plan)

G.S. 108A-70.21 (b)(2)

Complete Review of Policy:

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