

GEORGIA MEDICAID PROVIDER UPDATE

June 20, 2006

Dear Provider:

Thank you for your participation on the Avesis/Georgia Medicaid Vision Provider Panel.

The program is off to a good start since the June 1, 2006 go live date. There are a few areas, however, where further clarification is needed. To accomplish this, included with this letter are some replacement pages for your manual. They should be replaced as soon as possible and any impacted staff alerted.

Please remember to report routine eye health examinations with the applicable “S” code. New patients, S0260 and established patients, S0621. Encounters that are medical in nature yet include the refractive analysis should be billed with the appropriate medical management code and the “S” code. In this scenario, the “S” code should be accompanied by modifier 25 and will reimburse \$15.00.

Option 2 – Georgia Correction Industries (GCI)

If you selected Option 2, GCI for the delivery of materials to eligible enrollees of Georgia Medicaid, please note that should the member elect a buy up option that is ordered from GCI, Avesis will deduct from the provider’s payment the amount of the ordered option. A complete list of options that can be ordered from GCI was sent in an earlier mailing and is available at www.avesis.com.

Option 3 – Essilor/Southern Optical

If you selected Option 3, Essilor/Southern Optical for the delivery of materials to eligible enrollees of Georgia Medicaid, you must complete an Essilor application. This application is available from Southern Optical or at www.avesis.com.

REMINDER – If you have not already done so, please complete an application for a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. All providers must have a NPI number by May 2007. There is a link from our website to this application.

Once again, we thank you for your participation on the Avesis/Georgia Medicaid Preferred Provider Panel.

Sincerely,

Avesis Provider Service Team