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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
QUEST and QUEST Expanded Access (QExA) health plans

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SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT TO FQHCs FOR RETINAL IMAGING AND
INTERPRETATION

The Med-QUEST Division (MQD) was contacted by several FQHCs to add retinal imaging and interpretation as a covered service. MQD has had the opportunity to review this technology and will be partnering with the FQHCs to provide this service to MQD program recipients. FQHCs with an ophthalmologic reader will be able to obtain images of the retina and have an ophthalmologist or optometrist, who has been trained in reading such images, provide an interpretation and recommendation. Other licensed physicians who have been appropriately trained can perform and interpret screening retinal images in individuals without known retinal disease. Services must be medically necessary.

The FQHC can bill the MQD fiscal agent fee-for-service (FFS) using code 92014 with modifier SE to be reimbursed the amount of \$60.20 that 92014 is currently reimbursed. The 92014 SE code combination is bundled and includes taking the image, providing the image to the ophthalmologist, optometrist, or licensed physician and the interpretation and recommendation by the ophthalmologist, optometrist, or licensed physician. The QUEST and QExA health plans will cover 92014 SE as a bundled service and reimburse in accordance with the terms of their

provider agreements. The FQHC should contact the QUEST and QExA health plans regarding changes that may be needed to their provider agreements as well as timelines for the health plans to be able to accept and process claims for this service.

Use of code combination 92014 SE is contingent upon the following:

- The bundled service includes set-up, imaging, transmission of the image, and interpretation and recommendation.
- The FQHC will make arrangements to get screening retinal images read by a licensed ophthalmologist, optometrist, or other licensed physician, and diagnostic retinal images read by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist, all of whom who must be qualified to interpret the images. No separate claim should be submitted to the MQD fiscal agent or health plans by the interpreting ophthalmologist, optometrist, or other licensed physician.
- The interpretation and recommendation shall be documented in the client's medical record at the billing FQHC.
- The billing FQHC's percentage of ungradable/unreadable images should remain at or below 12% per quarter. FQHCs are responsible for maintaining records of their ungradable/unreadable images each quarter for inspection by either MQD or the health plans. Records are subject to audit by the MQD or the health plans. Any ungradable/unreadable image billed above the 12% rate each quarter is subject to recoupment by MQD or the health plans. Claiming for ungradable/unreadable images above 12% for two consecutive quarters may result in loss of qualified status to perform this service until a corrective action plan is approved by MQD.

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