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RE: Updated Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Benefits for Vision and Hearing Devices

Dear Community Members:

We are pleased to share an increase of benefits available for beneficiaries eligible to receive Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) funding. Eligible beneficiaries can now receive the following updated benefits:

- **Corrective Vision Devices-** The current maximum amount is \$350 for corrective lenses and frames purchased every two years through the Chugachmiut-preferred Optician. Costs over the maximum shall be responsibility of the eligible person.
- **Hearing Devices-** Hearing aid(s) or hearing devices are permitted once every two years, only through ANMC Audiology Clinic. The current not-to-exceed amount is \$2,000 every two years. Costs over the maximum shall be the responsibility of the eligible person.

Prior authorizations are required and must be approved before receiving vision and hearing devices. PRC is considered payer of last resort and the use of alternate resources (insurance) is required when such resources are available and accessible to the individual.

Chugachmiut PRC funds are limited. Necessary medical services are to be provided by the Chugachmiut Healthcare Providers and/or other IHS or Tribal facilities or providers, such as Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), Southcentral Foundation (SCF) or Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), except when there is an emergent need for services to prevent death or serious impairment.

If you have any questions or wish to ask about eligibility, contact your local clinic.

Sincerely,

Kelley Baker, Health Services Division Director