

Bulletin



Bulletin Number 4427	Date August 15, 2005	Direct inquiries to Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Processing Office (address below)
Distribution Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories		

Subject: Periodic Oculo-visual Assessments (POVAs) for Social Assistance Recipients

1. Social Assistance Recipients with a valid Health Card
2. Social Assistance Recipients who do not have a valid Health Card

1. Social Assistance Recipients with a Valid Health Card

Persons age 20-64 who have a valid Health Card and are in receipt of benefits under one of the following programs:

- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Family Benefits Program
- Ontario Works

are eligible for coverage under these programs for one POVA every 24 months.

Accessing the Service

Persons age 20-64 who have a valid Health Card and are in receipt of one of the above social assistance programs will indicate their eligibility for this service by presenting their Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) card and their Health Card at the time the eye exam is provided. This information has been communicated to all Social Assistance recipients.

Submitting Claims

Claims for POVAs provided to Social Assistance recipients who have a valid Health Card are to be submitted to OHIP in the usual manner using the appropriate fee code as listed in Appendix F of the Schedule of Benefits for Physician Services:

Office locations

Barrie 34 Simcoe St. Suite 102 L4N 6T4	Etobicoke 3300 Bloor St. W., Unit 142 M8X 2W8	Hamilton 119 King St. W 10th fl. P.O. Box 2280, Stn. A L8P 4Y7	Kenora 220-808 Robertson St. P9N 1X9	Kingston 1055 Princess St. P.O. Box 9000 K7L 5A9	Kitchener 1400 Weber St. E. Unit B2 N2A 3Z8	London 217 York St., 5th Floor Station A N6A 5P9
Mississauga 201 City Centre Dr. P.O. Box 7020, Stn. A L5B 2T4	Newmarket 465 Davis Dr. Unit 108 L3Y 8T2	North Bay 101-447 McKeown Ave. P1B 9S9	North York 4400 Dufferin St N Unit A4-A5 M3H 6A8	Oakville Oakville Town Centre II 220 North Service Rd. W. L6M 2Y3	Oshawa Exec. Tower, Oshawa Centre. 419 King St. W. P.O. Box 635 L1J 7J2	Ottawa Fuller Building 75 Albert Street K1P 5Y9
Owen Sound 1400 1st Ave. W Suite # 2. N4K 6Z9	Peterborough 550 Lansdowne St. W. K9J 8J8	St. Catharines 301 St. Paul St. Mezzanine Level L2R 3M8	Sarnia 452 Christina St. N. N7T 5W4	Sault Ste. Marie Roberta Bondar Place 70 Foster Dr., Ste. 100 P6A 6V4	Scarborough 2063 Lawrence Ave. E. M1R 2Z4	Sudbury 199 Larch St., Suite 801 P3E 5R1
Thunder Bay 435 James St. S., Suite 113 P7E 6T1	Timmins 38 Pine St. N., Suite 110 P4N 6K6	Toronto 47 Sheppard Ave. E. Suite 417 M2N 7E7	Toronto-Downtown 777 Bay St. Suite M212 M5G 2C8	Windsor 1427 Ouellette Ave. N8X 1K1	Head Office P.O. Box 48 Kingston, ON K7L 5J3	

K065...Ontario Disability Support program ... \$39.15
(includes Family Benefits Program)
K066...Ontario works \$39.15

The IVR system will check the date of the patient's most recent POVA provided under these programs as well as the date of the most recent insured major eye exam.

2. Social Assistance Recipients who do not have a Valid Health Card

Persons who **do not have a valid Health Card** but who are in receipt of benefits under one of the following programs:

- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Family Benefits Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Ontario Works

are eligible for coverage under these programs for one POVA every 24 months.

Accessing the Service

Persons who do not have a valid Health Card but who are in receipt of one of the above social assistance programs will indicate their eligibility for this service by presenting their Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) card at the time the eye exam is provided. This information has been communicated to all Social Assistance recipients.

The fee paid for provision of this service is \$39.15.

Submitting Claims

Upon completion of the POVA service and in order for payment to be processed, the physician should submit the following patient information:

Name
Address
Date of birth
10 digit eligibility number shown on ODB card
Date of service

Please include your OHIP billing number and practice address and submit this information to:

Provider Programs
370 Select Drive
P.O. Box 168
Kingston, ON K7M 8T4
Fax: (613) 536-3187

Claims will be processed and payments will be shown on the Remittance Advice.

For inquiries regarding claims for periodic oculo-visual assessments for social assistance recipients without a valid Health Card, please call (613) 536-3064.