

FY 2020 Houston EMA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition  
**Vision Care**

HRSA Service Category Title: <b>RWGA Only</b>	<b>Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care</b>
Local Service Category Title:	<b>Vision Care</b>
Budget Type: <b>RWGA Only</b>	<b>Fee for Service</b>
Budget Requirements or Restrictions: <b>RWGA Only</b>	Corrective lenses are not allowable under this category. Corrective lenses may be provided under Health Insurance Assistance and/or Emergency Financial Assistance as applicable/available.
HRSA Service Category Definition: <b>RWGA Only</b>	<p><b>Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care</b> is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). <i>Primary medical care</i> for the treatment of HIV infection includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies.</p> <p>HRSA policy notice 10-02 states funds awarded under Part A or Part B of the Ryan White CARE Act (Program) may be used for optometric or ophthalmic services under Primary Medical Care. Funds may also be used to purchase corrective lenses for conditions related to HIV infection, through either the Health Insurance Premium Assistance or Emergency Financial Assistance service categories as applicable.</p>
Local Service Category Definition:	<p><b>Primary Care Office/Clinic Vision Care</b> is defined as a comprehensive examination by a qualified Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, including Eligibility Screening as necessary. A visit with a credentialed Ophthalmic Medical Assistant for any of the following is an allowable visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine and preliminary tests including Cover tests, Ishihara Color Test, NPC (Near Point of Conversion), Vision Acuity Testing, Lensometry.</li> <li>• Visual field testing</li> <li>• Glasses dispensing including fittings of glasses, visual acuity testing, measurement, segment height.</li> <li>• Fitting of contact lenses is not an allowable follow-up visit.</li> </ul>

Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.):	HIV-infected individuals residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA.
Services to be Provided:	Services must be provided at an eye care clinic or Optometrist's office. Services must include but are not limited to external/internal eye health evaluations; refractions; dilation of the pupils; glaucoma and cataract evaluations; CMV screenings; prescriptions for eyeglasses and over the counter medications; provision of eyeglasses (contact lenses are not allowable); and referrals to other service providers (i.e. Primary Care Physicians, Ophthalmologists, etc.) for treatment of CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, etc. Agency must provide a written plan for ensuring that collaboration occurs with other providers (Primary Care Physicians, Ophthalmologists, etc.) to ensure that patients receive appropriate treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, etc.
Service Unit Definition(s): <b>RWGA Only</b>	One (1) unit of service = One (1) patient visit to the Optometrist, Ophthalmologist or Ophthalmic Assistant.
Financial Eligibility:	Refer to the RWPC's approved <i>Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA Services</i> .
Client Eligibility:	HIV-infected resident of the Houston EMA/HSDA.
Agency Requirements:	Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified to ensure that Ryan White Program funds are the payer of last resort to the extent examinations and eyewear are covered by the State Medicaid program.
Staff Requirements:	Vendor must have on staff a Doctorate of Optometry licensed by the Texas Optometry Board as a Therapeutic Optometrist.
Special Requirements: <b>RWGA Only</b>	Vision care services must meet or exceed current U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV disease as applicable to vision care.