

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Dear Provider:

This letter is to inform you, **effective August 1st, 2015**; Arizona Priority Care (AZPC) has chosen Southwestern Eye Center as its preferred partner for Ophthalmology and Retina services in Maricopa and Pinal County. Any AZPC member requiring Ophthalmology or Retina services in the emergency room, the inpatient setting or on an outpatient basis should be referred to Southwestern Eye Center. This is imperative to the care of our members as we want to maintain continuity of care for members within our preferred ophthalmology network.

Referrals for members to see any other Ophthalmologist or Retina Ophthalmologist not part of Southwestern Eye Center will not be approved. Claims from non-contracted groups, without prior authorization, may be denied. In the inpatient setting, any members seen by a non-contracted ophthalmologist or retina ophthalmologist provider will be redirected to Southwestern Eye Center. The member will be expected to follow up with one of the contracted groups once discharged.

If for some reason you need to use a non-contracted ophthalmologist or retina ophthalmologist not a part of Southwestern Eye Center, you must obtain a prior authorization and can contact our Prior Authorization Team at (480) 499-8720. We urge you to ensure that all ophthalmology and retina referrals are sent Southwestern Eye Center. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact our Provider Network Department at (480) 499-8720.

Sincerely,



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Chief Medical Officer

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