

Texas Health Steps and extended ophthalmoscopy

Amerigroup is sharing information recently made available by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics 2018 guidance *Screening Examination of Premature Infants for Retinopathy of Prematurity*, infants born premature or with low birthweight are at risk for developing retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). Because of the usually predictable and sequential nature of ROP progression and the proven benefits of timely treatment in reducing the risk of vision loss, efficacious care now requires that infants who are at risk receive carefully timed retinal examinations to identify treatment-requiring ROP in time for that treatment to be effective.

Texas Medicaid Vision Services policy currently limits coverage of ophthalmoscopy (procedure codes 92201 and 92202) to two services per year.

With evidence of medical necessity, additional screening examinations of premature infants for retinopathy of prematurity will be considered by Amerigroup as part of the Texas Health Steps Comprehensive Care Plan (THSteps-CCP).

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