



Ohio Diabetic Eye Alliance

The Ohio Diabetic Eye Alliance is a network of optometrists throughout Ohio who are committed to caring for diabetic patients at the highest level.

EYE CARE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

WHY PARTNER WITH OPTOMETRISTS?

Members of the Ohio Diabetic Eye Alliance, in partnership with the Ohio Optometric Association, welcome the opportunity to work with hospital systems and insurers around the state to deliver quality care to diabetic patients. It is generally recommended that adults with diabetes obtain a dilated eye exam annually and completion of the exam is a national quality measure. The vast majority of dilated diabetic eye exams performed in Ohio are performed by optometrists (ODs) and in many cases they are the primary eye care provider for diabetic patients. With advanced training in medical eye care, optometrists engage in care coordination with primary care physicians in numerous hospital systems and combined OD/MD practices. Including optometrists as part of your health plan can bring great value to your network and the patients it serves. Delivering quality care to diabetic patients.



Perform annual dilated exam



Communicate with primary care doctor



Annual training on best practices in treating diabetic patients



Abide by a Professional Code of Ethics



DELIVERING QUALITY CARE TO DIABETIC PATIENTS

What does the delivery of a quality diabetic eye exam entail? Members of the Ohio Diabetic Eye Alliance commit to the following criteria:

- Perform an annual dilated diabetic eye exam following the evidence-based clinical practice guidelines from the American Optometric Association*
- Send relevant medical findings to the patient's primary care doctor, including:
 - Date of dilated eye exam
 - Resulting diagnosis code(s)
 - Status of glaucoma and/or cataract
 - Any indication of referral to additional specialist
 - Date of follow-up appointment
- Abide by the American Optometric Association's Code of Ethics
- Document use of EHR and participation in Quality Measures
- Be a Medicaid and/or Medicare provider
- Utilize retinal photography when medically necessary
- Complete a course of at least two hours in length, annually, covering current best practices in treating diabetic patients

“Given the nature of diabetes being a multi-system disease that affects all organs of the body, Kettering Health Network believes that an integrated, comprehensive approach to patient care benefits everyone involved - patients, health care providers, and the community. All patients with diabetes need an annual dilated eye exam as part of their routine care. Kettering Physician Partners is pleased to collaborate with the Ohio Optometric Association to ensure we deliver the highest quality of care to the patients in our community.”



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NEXT STEPS IN PARTNERING

Hospital systems and insurers interested in partnering with a member of the Ohio Diabetic Eye Alliance may view a list of participating optometrists at www.ooa.org. Additional contact can be made through info@ooa.org or (614) 781-0708.

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