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MEMO

To: All Optometrists and dispensing Opticians
From: Optical Department, Primary Care Services
Date: 05/06/2013
Re: HSE, Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme

It has come to our attention that in some cases, Opticians are providing service to patients who may be eligible for the above scheme without prior approval on their application.

All applications should be directed by post to us and each application received will be processed in date order and posted to the patient.

Please note the following condition which must be adhered to under the above scheme:

SERVICE PROVISION:

IN THE CASE OF ADULTS AVAILING OF SERVICE UNDER THE HBCOSS SCHEME, HIGH STREET OPTOMETRISTS/OPHTHALMOLOGISTS PROVIDE ROUTINE EYE TESTING/DISPENSING OF SPECTACLES WHEN REQUIRED. **PRIOR AUTHORISATION IS REQUIRED FROM THE HEALTH SERVICE EXECUTIVE BEFORE SERVICE IS PROVIDED.**

Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Optical Department
Primary Care Services