



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) 14 – VISION CARE ALL PROVINCES

* IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS *

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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently completed a review on its policy with regard to exceeding frequency limitation on eyeglass lenses.

The frequency on lenses is one pair (one left, and one right) each 24 calendar months¹. To exceed the frequency limit, the prescription for the new glasses must reflect a significant change from the previous prescription as follows:

When the correction of vision in one or both eyes is:

- A change of at least 0.50 diopters on the sphere and/or cylinder; or
- A change totaling 0.50 diopters in the addition (i.e. 0.25 change in distance and 0.25 change in near is a total of 0.50 in the add; or
- An axis change greater than 3 degrees of a cylinder power up to -1.00 diopters, 2 degrees for a cylinder power -1.00 to -2.50 diopters or 1 degree for a cylinder power greater than -2.50 diopters; or
- A change in the vertical prism of at least 1 prism diopter or in horizontal prism of at least 2 prism diopters.

Please share this important information with the members of your Association. Should you or any of your members have any questions, please contact your regional Blue Cross office Provider Inquiry Line toll free at 1-888-261-4033.

Thank you for the ongoing care and service you provide to the members of the RCMP.

¹ 24 calendar months = 24 month period beginning on the date the service/item is acquired. (i.e. if lenses are purchased on March 15, 2012, the member would be eligible again anytime after March 1st, 2014).