

Dear Provider,

- 1. As we have already communicated - the feedback that we received that Providers don't see any value in a Lab discount – has meant that there is now no need for PPN to pay away in order to Authenticate.**
2. Authenticate –It remains an essential process for managing the risk of contracted medical schemes effectively, and ensures that the relationship of trust between Funders and Providers is maintained.
3. We appreciate that stock lenses pose a problem to Authenticate accurately.
4. It is easy to monitor lenses ordered or manufactured by laboratories.
5. Recognition of this practicality means that Authenticate-It would be difficult to apply across all lens types.
6. We would prefer to have a uniform system for ease of use for Providers and ease of application for PPN admin.
- 7. Taking all of this in to account we have come to the conclusion that Authenticate-It needs to be uniform in its application as a result of which we have taken a decision to make Authenticate-It compulsory for all multifocal orders.**

8. By making it compulsory there is no longer a need for a differential consultation fee, and the fee for a Comprehensive Consultation can immediately move to Code 70001 R 625 .
  
9. Code 70010 will fall away.
  
10. All claims with service dates up to and inclusive of 16<sup>th</sup> January will be reassessed and Providers are asked to resubmit their claims using Code 70001 in all instances.
  
11. From service dates 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 any claim for multifocal lenses that does not include the lab name and order number will be rejected.
  
12. **All labs will be able to manually provide the Authenticate-It information required and they will be allowed 6 months to upgrade their systems to integrate electronically with PPN so that Authenticate-It becomes a fully automated process.**

Regards.

**The PPN Team.**