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## Governor Lemanu Commends American Samoa Medicaid Agency for New Eye Vision Benefit Services

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On August 31st, 2022, the American Samoa Medicaid State Agency announced the launch of the Eye Vision Enrollment Program on September 06, 2022. The program will provide coverage for eye consultation appointments, prescription eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses and contact lenses with their new local provider MyVision Eye Center owned by Dr. Laloasi Petaia-Steffany.

“This service is essential to our senior citizens as well as many members of our community; now they can receive subsidized quality vision-care services. I commend Director Sandra King Young and the Medicaid staff for having the foresight to include this service into your State Plan. I also thank Dr. Laloasi Petaia-Steffany for providing support and care to the people of American Samoa for many years. This collaboration is a step towards this Administration’s goal to uplift the care and wellbeing of our people.” said Governor Lemanu.

To be an eligible beneficiary, patients must be bona fide residents living in American Samoa with American Samoa as their primary residence. At the moment, only US Nationals, US Citizens, US Permanent Residents (green card holders) and all children under the age of 21 years are eligible.

For the month of September, Medicaid will start Eye Vision enrollment with children and youth up to 21 years of age.

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