

Visions of Independence Program

The Visions of Independence Program provides one to one personalized vision rehabilitation in the patient's home by specially trained occupational therapists. This training is a Medicare covered service.

Safety Assessment - All participating patients of the **Visions of Independence Program** begin with an occupational therapist conducting a skills evaluation and safety assessment of their home.

Rehabilitation – **Visions of Independence Program** covers all aspects of daily life, including adaptive cooking techniques, medication organization, aids for reading and writing, money management and much more. Patients have the opportunity to examine and try out a variety of specialized adaptive equipment during the visit.

Resources - Resources for elders who are visually impaired are reviewed with the patient. Referrals can be made for other services that are appropriate for the patient.

Admission Criteria

- Medicare or Insurance Coverage
- Best corrected vision of **less than 20/60**, or visual field of 20 degrees or less, or central scotoma
- Referral from primary care doctor, nurse practitioner, ophthalmologist or optometrist
- Cannot simultaneously receive Medicare-funded services through a home health agency

Procedure

- The occupation therapist conducts initial evaluation
- The occupational therapist prepares a treatment/training plan for the patient that is sent to the doctor for approval
- The treatment/training plan is then implemented

Service

- Patient's ongoing progress will be monitored and documented
- Progress reports are sent to referring doctor

Payment

- Medicare covers 80% of fees
- Most Medicare-HMO's pay for the training
- Remaining 20% will be billed as a co-payment to secondary insurance provider or to the patient
- Medicare does not currently cover the cost for adaptive equipment

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