



ADVISORY NO. AH&W - 2

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Subject: **ALBERTA HEALTH & WELLNESS
SKILL CODES**

Upon registration with the Alberta College of Optometrists, all regulated members are authorized to bill the following Alberta Health & Wellness Skill Codes:

1. **OPTO** – general optometry
2. **LVC** – low vision exam certification
3. **VISU** – computerized visual fields certification

Upon passing of the Ocular Therapeutics section of the CSAO, or, successful completion of a minimum 100 hour therapeutic pharmaceutical agents (TPA) course, of which a minimum of 40 hours must be spent in a clinical setting dealing with therapeutic agents, or graduation from a program approved by the Alberta College of Optometrists, regulated members may bill the following skill code:

4. **TPA** – therapeutic certification

The **OPTO skill code** refers to current billing codes:

B650	B655	B900
B651	B656	B901
B652	B657	B902
B653	B659	B903
B654		B904
		B905

The **LVC skill code** refers to current billing code:

B660

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The **VISU skill code** refers to current billing codes:

B658

B661

The **TPA skill code** refers to:

- [a] Prescribing those therapeutic pharmaceutical agents as listed in Section 12 of the Optometrists Profession Regulation.
- [b] Performing surgical procedures on body tissue below the dermis or the mucous membrane or in or below the surface of the cornea in the removal of superficial foreign bodies from the eye.

Please contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists (451-6824) for further information on the billing rules, fee modifiers and benefit amounts in the Alberta Health Care contract.