3. Program changes, as follows:

i. Unless emergency circumstances apply, advance notice of any proposed program changes is required in order for the guardian to consent or withhold consent. Program changes include changes in residence, day program, support services, and/or transfer or discharge;

ii. If a temporary change is necessary due to a physical plant issue (for example, no hot water), notification must be made to the guardian as soon as possible;

iii. Advanced notice of proposed respite placement will be provided; and

iv. Problems or changes in residence or program including, but not limited to:

(1) Behavior problems;

(2) Emergency respite placement; or

(3) Chronic absenteeism;

4. Family, as follows:

i. Family concerns/issues;

ii. Changes in family information; and

iii. Reappearance of family;

5. Unusual incidents; and

6. Changes in case manager or support coordinator.

(b) Service component, community care provider, and agency staff shall advise BGS of the following as soon as possible, but no later than within one working day:

1. Clinical conclusion that the individual no longer needs a guardian;

2. Request of an individual to see his or her BGS guardian;

3. Missing status or failure to return from vacation;

4. Alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or denial of rights;

5. Serious illness or injury;

6. Emergency placement or respite; and

7. Death, including circumstances, cause, results, or investigation, if any.

(c) Failure to notify BGS of events listed at (a) and (b) above, shall be considered a violation of the individual's rights and, therefore, reportable as an unusual incident.

(a)

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Medical Policies and Fee Schedules

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 10:91-7.1

Proposed: October 20, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 2388(a).
Adopted: September 29, 2026, by Stephen Cha, MD, MHSR, Commissioner, Department of Human Services.
Filed: September 29, 2026, as R.2026 d.115, **without change.**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:1-12, 30:6-1 et seq., and 52:14B-3(1) et seq.; 29 U.S.C. §§ 3101 et seq., and 34 CFR Parts 76, 77, 79, 361, 363, 395, and 397.

Effective Date: November 2, 2026.
Expiration Date: April 4, 2031.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

The official comment period ended December 19, 2025. **The Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired received no comments.**

Federal Standards Statement

The adopted amendment does not contain any standards or requirements that exceed those imposed by Federal law pursuant to the Federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 701 through 744 and the Workforce Investment Act of 2014. Consequently, a Federal standards analysis is not required.

Full text of the adopted amendments follows:

CHAPTER 91
ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL POLICY PROVISIONS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

SUBCHAPTER 7. MEDICAL POLICIES AND FEE SCHEDULES

10:91-7.1 Fee schedule

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) The Commission's medical fee schedule follows:

1. General examinations:

General vision exam to determine classification, including evaluation to determine need for field test	$ 80.00
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Psychiatric, psychological or other psychotherapeutic evaluation, three sessions, each up to:	150.00
. . .	
Speech therapy, per session	70.00

2. Vision-related consultative specialty examinations:

Corneal examination	100.00
Glaucoma examination and report	100.00
Hereditary evaluation	60.00
Low vision exam for consumers whose most recent eye report is one year old or less	250.00
Low vision exam for consumers whose most recent eye report is over one year old	275.00
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Neuro-opthalmological follow-up exam, up to three allowed (each)	80.00
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Orthoptic follow-up exam (each)	25.00
. . .	
Pleoptic therapy, each session	40.00
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Follow-up treatment examination up to three each	80.00
Uveitis, tumor evaluation	80.00
Uveitis evaluation follow-up	60.00

3. Specialized eye procedures:

Eyelids:	
Remove eyelid lesion	90.00
Chalazion (single)	90.00
Chalazion multiple, same eye	120.00
Chalazion multiple, different eyes	150.00
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Plastic repair of lid laceration:	
Without graft	210.00
With graft	400.00
Surgical correction of entropion or ectropion	400.00
Ptosis surgical repair	Call consultant*
Extensive plastic repair of lids and orbits	Call consultant*
Incision and drainage of abscess	100.00
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Punctal occulusion	160.00
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* Individual evaluation by the Commission.

4. Conjunctiva:

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Excision—lesion of conjunctiva:
Biopsy 80.00
Excision of cyst or nevus 350.00
Excision of pterygium 340.00
Repair:
Conjunctivoplasty with free graft: 575.00
Conjunctival graft 480.00
Buccal mucosa membrane graft 620.00
Suture laceration 120.00

5. Glaucoma procedures:
Goniotomy 750.00
Peripheral iridectomy, laser or surgical 970.00
Filter operation of any kind 970.00
Iridotomy by stab incision for iris bombe 390.00
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Cyclo diathermy 345.00
Cyclo dialysis 345.00
Surgical trabeculectomy 750.00
Cyclo cyro therapy 345.00
Argon laser or surgical trabeculectomy (ALT) 970.00
Shunt to extraocular reservoir 1,000.00

6. Cornea:
Keratotomy:
Removal of foreign body from surface 35.00
Repair eye wound 400.00
Embedded in Cornea 500.00
Keratectomy 500.00
Keratoplasty (corneal transplant) anterior lamellar 1,100.00
Radial keratotomy 635.00
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Removal of foreign body anterior chamber 635.00
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Cauterization or cryotherapy of lesion of cornea 290.00
Corneal transplant penetrating in psuedophakia 1,100.00

7. Crystalline lens:
Cataract extraction by phaco 700.00
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Discission of lens, surgical 400.00
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8. Eyeball:
Excision:
Enucleation or evisceration 650.00
With non movable implant 650.00
With movable implant 800.00
Remove eye, attach implant 875.00
Suture for wound or injury:
Non-perforating 130.00
Perforating 130.00

9. Retina and vitreous:
Scleral buckling, one eye 1,500.00
Scleral buckle, both eyes 1,500.00
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Repair of complex retinal detachment 1,200.00
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Pan retinal photo-coagulation for vein occlusion, initial treatment 510.00
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Pan retinal photo-coagulation for diabetic retinopathy, initial treatment 510.00
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Injection eye drug 184.00
Gas fluid exchange 560.00
Endophotocoagulation 900.00
Removal of Silicone Oil 700.00

10. Orbit:
Plastic repair of orbit:
Fracture of floor 830.00
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Removal of intra-orbital foreign body 1,000.00
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11. Ocular Muscles:
Strabismus Surgery:
. . .
Two muscles, one or both eyes 570.00
Three or more muscles, one or both eyes 630.00

12. Lacrimal procedures:
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Dacryocystectomy 600.00
Incision and drainage of lacrimal sac or lacrimal gland abscess 140.00
Plastic repair of torn canaliculi 535.00
Probing of naso-lacrimal duct 100.00
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Probing of duct with tube insertion 200.00

13. (No change.)
14. Special clinical tests:
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ERG Electro Retinogram 55.00
VER Electro Encephalogram 55.00
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15. (No change.)
16. Price list for eyeglasses:

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17.-24. (No change.)
25. Hospital clinic and office specialty procedures:
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Electro Retinography 100.00
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Fluorescein angiogram with interpretation and written report	232.00
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Perimetry (visual field)	30.00
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Services provided by an ambulatory surgical center	800.00

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LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

(a)

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING
Family Member Certification as Homemaker-Home Health Aide
Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:37-14.9A

Proposed: October 6, 2025, at 57 N.J.R. 2297(a).
Adopted: September 4, 2026, by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, Barbara B. Blozen, Ed.D, MA, RN, President.
Filed: September 29, 2026, as R.2026 d.116, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:11-24

Effective Date: November 2, 2026.
Expiration Date: October 9, 2031.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:
The official comment period ended December 5, 2025. **The State Board of Nursing received no comments.**

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because there are no Federal laws or standards applicable to the adopted new rule.

Full text of the adopted new rule follows:

SUBCHAPTER 14. HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDES

13:37-14.9A Family member certification

(a) For purposes of this section, "family member" means a child, parent, parent-in-law, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, domestic partner, or one partner in a civil union couple, or any other individual related by blood, and any other individual with a close association that is the equivalent of a family relationship.

(b) Pursuant to P.L. 2023, c. 90, a family member seeking to provide homemaker-home health aide services to an enrollee in Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare shall apply for certification as a CHHA and meet the qualifications set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:37-14.9.

(c) Notwithstanding (b) above, a home care services agency that will employ a family member to provide homemaker-home health aide services to an enrollee shall pay the application and initial certification fees for the family member CHHA.

(b)

DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CREATIVE ARTS AND ACTIVITIES THERAPIES
Notice of Readoption
Art Therapists Advisory Committee Rules
Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:34D

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:8B-74.

Authorized By: Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies, Carol Ann Blank, Ph.D., LCAT, MT-BC, Chair.
Effective Date: October 5, 2026.
New Expiration Date: October 5, 2033.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 13:34D will expire on November 18, 2026. The rules establish standards for the licensing and regulation of professional art therapists and associate art therapists.

Subchapter 1 sets forth general provisions, including definitions used in the chapter, license renewal requirements, and fees charged by the Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies. Subchapter 2 establishes application requirements for licensure as a professional art therapist or associate art therapist. Subchapter 3 sets forth standards for supervision of licensed associate art therapists and students. Subchapter 4 pertains to continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure.

Subchapter 5 addresses recordkeeping requirements and standards for confidentiality. Subchapter 6 sets forth conduct that constitutes professional misconduct, including sexual misconduct, termination of services, prohibitions on excessive fees, and real estate arrangements. Subchapter 7 establishes standards for advertising. Subchapter 8 sets forth standards for the provision of professional services through telemedicine and telehealth.

The Board of Creative Arts and Activities Therapies has reviewed the rules and has determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated, as required by Executive Order No. 66 (1978). Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17B-41.13, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

TREASURY — GENERAL

(c)

DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS
State Police Retirement System
State Police Retirement System Rules
Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 17:5

Proposed: July 6, 2026, at 58 N.J.R. 1721(a).
Adopted: September 22, 2026, by State Police Retirement System Board of Trustees, William Tedder, Secretary.
Filed: September 24, 2026, as R.2026 d.114, **without change**.

Authority: N.J.S.A 53:5A-30.h.

Effective Dates: September 24, 2026, Readoption; November 2, 2026, Amendments.
Expiration Date: May 21, 2033.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:
The official comment period ended September 4, 2026. **There were no public comments received.**

Federal Standards Statement

The rules readopted with amendments meet the applicable Federal standards, at 26 U.S.C. § 403(b). There are no other Federal standards applicable to the subject matter of these rules.

Full text of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:5.

Full text of the adopted amendments follow:

SUBCHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION

17:5-1.1 Board meetings

(a) The Board may meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning in January and every other month thereafter, or at such other time as may be deemed necessary by the Board.

(b) (No change.)