Client Vision Care Plan

EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

Client Name: WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS
Client Number: 12271345
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Provided by:

VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
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This Evidence of Coverage is a summary of the Policy provisions and is presented as a matter of general information only. It is not a substitute for the provisions of the Policy itself. In the event of any dispute between this Evidence of Coverage and the Policy, the provisions of the Policy will prevail. A copy of the Policy will be furnished on request. If any changes are made to this document by anyone other than VSP, VSP disclaims responsibility for such changes and cannot guarantee this document will comply with any statutory requirements including but not limited to ERISA.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

Enrollees: To be covered, a person must currently be an employee or member of the Client, and meet the coverage criteria established by Client.

Eligible Dependents: Any dependent of an Enrollee of Client who meets the eligibility criteria established by Client, if such dependent coverage is provided.
HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

VSP provides Plan Benefits to Covered Persons based on the level of coverage purchased by the Client. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits and Additional Benefit Rider (if applicable) for specific Plan Benefits.

1. Contact VSP to obtain a list of participating providers, and/or to view available benefits, (see below for contact information).

2. Contact a VSP Preferred Provider’s office to schedule an appointment and indicate that Covered Person is a VSP member. Should Covered Persons fail to identify themselves as VSP members, Plan Benefits shall be limited to those of an Open Access Provider, if such Plan Benefits are available.

3. Once the appointment is made, the VSP Preferred Provider will obtain benefit verification from VSP. The VSP Preferred Provider will bill VSP directly and the Covered Person is responsible for payment of any applicable Copayments, non-covered services or materials, or amounts which exceed plan allowances, and annual maximum benefits.

4. If the Policy includes Plan Benefits for Open Access Providers, Covered Person may be responsible for paying for all services and/or materials in full and submitting a claim to VSP. If an Open Access Provider agrees to submit a claim to VSP on behalf of Covered Person, VSP will reimburse the Provider directly if the claim includes a valid Assignment of Benefits. All reimbursement will be in accordance with the Open Access Provider fee schedule, less any applicable Copayment. Obtaining services from an Open Access Provider will typically result in higher out of pocket expenses for Covered Persons. Covered Persons must submit claims to VSP within 180 calendar days from the date services are rendered and/or materials provided. In the event it is not reasonably possible to submit claims within this period, claims must be submitted as soon as reasonably possible. However, in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the Covered Person, may claims be submitted later than fifteen (15) months from the time services are rendered or materials provided. Claims received by VSP after these stated deadlines will be denied unless prohibited by applicable state or federal law.

TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact VSP at 800-877-7195 or www.vsp.com.
EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

This Plan is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials.

Some vision care services and/or materials are not covered under this Plan and certain other limitations may apply. Please refer to the EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS section of the attached Schedule of Benefits and/or Additional Benefit Rider (when purchased by Client) for details.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Covered Persons who are covered under two or more insurance plans that include vision care benefits may be eligible for Coordination of Benefits (“COB”). VSP will combine other insurance plans’ claim payments or reimbursements, if any, with benefits available under Covered Person’s VSP Plan, which may reduce or eliminate Covered Person’s out-of-pocket expense. Covered Persons covered under more than one VSP Plan may also be able to take advantage of COB. In order to process claims involving COB, VSP may need to share personal information regarding Covered Persons with other parties (such as another insurance company). When this is necessary, VSP will only share such information with those persons or organizations having a legitimate interest in that information and only where such sharing is not prohibited by law.

URGENT VISION CARE

Services for conditions of a medical nature are covered by VSP only under specific supplemental eye care Plans purchased by Client. If Client purchased one of these plans, such coverage will be evidenced in an Additional Benefit Rider. When vision care is necessary for Urgent Conditions, Covered Persons with a supplemental eye care plan may obtain Plan Benefits by contacting a VSP Preferred Provider or Open Access Provider. No prior approval from VSP is required for the Covered Person to obtain vision care for Urgent Conditions of a medical nature. If Client has not purchased one of these plans, Covered Persons are not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Persons’ medical insurance plan for care.

HOLD HARMLESS

Covered Persons shall be held harmless for any sums owed by VSP to the VSP Preferred Provider, other than those sums not covered by the Plan.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Covered Persons have the right to expect quality care from VSP Preferred Providers. More information is available under “Patient’s Rights and Responsibilities” on VSP’s web site at www.vsp.com. Complaints and grievances are disagreements regarding access to care, quality of care, treatment or service. Covered Persons may submit any complaints and/or grievances, including appeals, in writing to VSP at 3333 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-7985 or verbally by calling VSP’s Customer Care Division at 1-800-877-7195. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt, unless special circumstances require an extension of time. In that case, resolution shall be achieved as soon as possible, but not later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after VSP’s receipt of the complaint or grievance. If VSP determines that resolution cannot be achieved within thirty (30) days, VSP will notify the Covered Person of the expected resolution date. Upon final resolution VSP will notify the Covered Person of the outcome in writing.
CLAIM PAYMENTS AND DENIALS

Initial Determination: VSP will pay or deny claims within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

Claim Denial Appeals: If a claim is denied in whole or in part, under the terms of the Policy, Covered Person or Covered Person’s authorized representative may submit a request for a full review of the denial. Covered Person may designate any person, including their provider, as their authorized representative. References in this section to “Covered Person” include Covered Person’s authorized representative, where applicable.

Initial Appeal: The request for review must be made within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following denial of a claim and should contain sufficient information to identify the claim and the Covered Person affected by the denial. The Covered Person may review, during normal working hours, any documents held by VSP pertinent to the denial. The Covered Person may also submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning the claim to assist in VSP’s review. VSP’s response to the initial appeal, including specific reasons for the decision, shall be provided and communicated to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a request for an appeal from the Covered Person.

Second Level Appeal: If Covered Person disagrees with the response to the initial appeal of the denied claim, Covered Person has the right to a second level appeal. Within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of VSP’s response to the initial appeal, Covered Person may submit a second appeal to VSP along with any pertinent documentation. VSP shall communicate its final determination to Covered Person in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

Other Remedies: When Covered Person has completed the appeals stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation. Covered Person may contact the U. S. Department of Labor or the State insurance regulatory agency for details. Additionally, under the provisions of ERISA (Section 502(a) (1) (B) [29 U.S.C. 1132(a) (1) (B)], Covered Person has the right to bring a civil action when all available levels of reviews, including the appeal process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome. Covered Persons may also contact the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Regulation (“DIFP”) at any time by calling toll-free to (800) 726-7390, or by writing to Missouri DIFP, Attn: Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0690.

Time of Action: No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Policy prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her grievance rights under the Policy and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim and any applicable documentation have been filed with VSP. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three (3) years from the last date that a claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to VSP, and no such action shall be brought at all unless brought within three (3) years from the expiration of the time within which such materials are required to be submitted in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

INDIVIDUAL CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

In the event this Plan is terminated, VSP coverage may be available for individuals to purchase online www.vsp.com. Following the death of Enrollee, the surviving spouse and/or Eligible Dependents may also request continuation of coverage under a conversion policy. Covered Persons should contact Enrollee’s Plan Administrator for details.

THE CONSOLIDATED OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1985 (COBRA)

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requires that under certain circumstances health plan benefits be made available to eligible participants and their dependents upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent, COBRA applies to Covered Person’s Plan, VSP shall make the statutorily required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.
DEFINITIONS:

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER
The document, attached as Exhibit C to the Policy (when purchased by Client), which lists selected vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive under the Policy. Additional Benefits are only available when purchased by Client in conjunction with a Plan Benefit offered under the Schedule of Benefits.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS
A written order signed by a Covered Person eighteen (18) years of age or older and included with each claim, directing VSP to pay available Plan Benefits to a named Open Access Provider.

CLIENT
An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under the Policy in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents, if such dependent coverage is provided.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS
Procedure which allows more than one insurance plan to consider Covered Persons’ vision care claims for payment or reimbursement.

COPAYMENTS
Those amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered, and which are payable at the time services are rendered or materials ordered.

COVERED PERSON
An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets Client’s eligibility criteria and on whose behalf premiums have been paid to VSP, and who is covered under the Plan.

ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT
Any dependent of an Enrollee who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Client.

ENROLLEE
An employee or member of Client who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Client.

PLAN OR PLAN BENEFITS
The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under the Policy, as defined in the attached Schedule of Benefits and Additional Benefit Rider (when purchased by Client).

OPEN ACCESS PROVIDER
Any optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons of VSP.

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
The person specifically so designated on the Client application, or if an administrator is not so designated, the Client. The Plan Administrator shall have authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan on behalf of the Client.

POLICY
The contract between VSP and Client upon which this Plan is based.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
The document(s), attached as Exhibit A to the Client Policy maintained by the Plan Administrator and to this Evidence of Coverage, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Plan.
VSP PREFERRED PROVIDER  An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to Plan Benefits on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.

URGENT CARE  Services for a condition with sudden onset and acute symptoms which requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence requiring immediate, non-medical, action.
GENERAL

This Schedule of Benefits lists the vision care services and materials to which Covered Persons of Vision Service Plan Insurance Company ("VSP") are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein, and forms a part of the Policy or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

BENEFIT PERIOD:
A twelve month period beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are Covered Persons under this Plan, pursuant to eligibility criteria established by Client:

- Enrollee
- Legal Spouse of Enrollee
- The domestic partner of the same or opposite in gender as Enrollee, pursuant to the Group’s eligibility rules.
- The domestic partner’s dependent children are also covered provided they depend upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance.
- Any child of Enrollee, including natural child from date of birth, legally adopted child from the date of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court or administrative agency holds the Enrollee responsible.

A dependent child is covered up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

A dependent unmarried child over the limiting age may continue to be eligible as a dependent if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and chiefly dependent upon Enrollee for support and maintenance.
PLAN BENEFITS
VSP PREFERRED PROVIDERS

COPAYMENT

A Copayment amount of $20.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time of the Examination.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION- Covered in full* once every 12 months**
Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

SPECTACLE LENSES AND FRAMES- Up to $50.00 once every 12 months**
The VSP Preferred Provider will prescribe and order Covered Person’s lenses, will verify the accuracy of finished lenses, and will assist Covered Person with frame selection and adjustment.

*Less any applicable Copayment.
** beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

CONTACT LENSES

Elective

Elective Contact Lenses are covered up to $50.00 once every 12 months.*

The Elective contact lens allowance applies to both the doctor’s fitting and evaluation fees, and to materials.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

* beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.
EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

Some brands of spectacle frames may be unavailable for purchase as Plan Benefits, or may be subject to additional limitations. Covered Persons may obtain details regarding frame brand availability from their VSP Preferred Provider or by calling VSP’s Customer Care Division at (800) 877-7195.

NOT COVERED

1. Services and/or materials not specifically included in this schedule as covered Plan Benefits.
2. Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than ± .50 diopter).
3. Two pair of glasses instead of bifocals.
4. Replacement of lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this plan which are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when Plan Benefits are otherwise available.
5. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
6. Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
7. Refitting of contact lenses after the initial (90-day) fitting period.
8. Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
9. Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where VSP is required by law to pay.
REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

COPAYMENT

A Copayment amount of $20.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time services are rendered.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION- Up to $50.00* once every 12 months**
Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

SPECTACLE LENSES AND FRAMES- Up to $50.00 once every 12 months**
*Less any applicable Copayment.
** beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

CONTACT LENSES

Elective

Elective Contact Lenses are covered up to $50.00 once every 12 months.*
The Elective contact lens allowance applies to both the doctor’s fitting and evaluation fees, and to materials.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

* beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

1. Exclusions and limitations of benefits described above for VSP Preferred Providers shall also apply to services rendered by Open Access Providers.
2. Services from an Open Access Provider are in lieu of services from a VSP Preferred Provider.
3. There is no guarantee that the amount reimbursed will be sufficient to pay the cost of services or materials in full.
4. VSP is unable to require Open Access Providers to adhere to VSP’s quality standards.
5. VSP may deny any claims received after three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the date services are rendered and/or materials provided.
GENERAL

This Schedule of Benefits lists the vision care services and materials to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY(“VSP”) are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein, and forms a part of the Policy or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

BENEFIT PERIOD

A twelve-month period beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are Covered Persons under this Plan, pursuant to eligibility criteria established by Client:

• Enrollee
• Legal Spouse of Enrollee
• Domestic Partner
• Any child of Enrollee, including natural child from the date of birth, legally adopted child from the date of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court or administrative agency holds the Enrollee responsible.

Dependent children are covered up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

A dependent, unmarried child over the limiting age may continue to be eligible as a dependent if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and chiefly dependent upon Enrollee for support and maintenance.

PLAN BENEFITS
VSP PREFERRED PROVIDERS

COPayment

There shall be a Copayment of $20.00 for the examination payable by the Covered Person at the time services are rendered. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be an additional $40.00 Copayment payable at the time the materials are ordered.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION- Covered in full* once every 12 months**

Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

LENSES - Covered in full* once every 12 months**

Spectacle Lenses (Single, Lined Bifocal, Lined Trifocal or Lenticular)

Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to age 26.
FRAMES - Covered up to the Plan allowance* once every 12 months**

The VSP Preferred Provider will prescribe and order Covered Person’s lenses, verify the accuracy of finished lenses, and assist Covered Person with frame selection and adjustment.

Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses for post PRK, LASIK, or Custom LASIK patients as determined by VSP Preferred Provider.

CONTACT LENSES

ELECTIVE

Elective Contact Lenses (materials only) are covered in full up to $150.00 once every 12 months**

The Elective Contact Lens fitting and evaluation services are covered in full once every 12 months, after a maximum $60.00 Copayment.

NECESSARY

Necessary Contact Lenses are covered in full* once every 12 months**

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person’s VSP Preferred Provider.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

*Less any applicable Copayment.
** beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing: Covered in full*.

- Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Aids: 75% of VSP Preferred Provider’s fee, up to $1000.00* 

*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is $1000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.

Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person’s VSP Preferred Provider.
EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

Some brands of spectacle frames may be unavailable for purchase as Plan Benefits, or may be subject to additional limitations. Covered Persons may obtain details regarding frame brand availability from their VSP Member Doctor or by calling VSP’s Customer Care Division at (800) 877-7195.

NOT COVERED

• Services and/or materials not specifically included in this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits.
• Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than ± .50 diopter), except as specifically allowed in the Frames benefit section, above.
• Two pair of glasses instead of bifocals.
• Replacement of spectacle lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this plan which are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.
• Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
• Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
• Replacement of lost or damaged contact lenses, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.
• Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
• Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where VSP is required by law to pay.
REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

COPAYMENT

There shall be a Copayment of $20.00 for the examination payable by the Covered Person at the time services are rendered. If materials (lenses, frames or Necessary Contact Lenses) are provided, there shall be an additional $40.00 Copayment payable at the time the materials are ordered. The Copayment shall not apply to Elective Contact Lenses.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION: Up to $50.00* once every 12 months**
Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

SPECTACLE LENSES
Single Vision Up to $50.00* once every 12 months**
Bifocal Up to $75.00* once every 12 months**
Trifocal Up to $100.00* once every 12 months**
Lenticular Up to $125.00* once every 12 months**

FRAMES: Covered up to $70.00* once every 12 months**

CONTACT LENSES

ELECTIVE
Elective Contact Lenses (materials only) are covered in full up to $105.00 once every 12 months**

NECESSARY
Necessary Contact Lenses are covered up to $210.00* once every 12 months**

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

*Less any applicable Copayment.
** beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.
LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing: Up to $125.00*.

- Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Aids: 75% of VSP Preferred Provider’s fee, up to $1000.00*

*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is $1000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.

Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's VSP Preferred Provider.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

- Exclusions and limitations of benefits described above for VSP Preferred Providers shall also apply to services rendered by Open Access Providers.
- Services from an Open Access Provider are in lieu of services from a VSP Preferred Provider.
- There is no guarantee that the amount reimbursed will be sufficient to pay the cost of services or materials in full.
- VSP is unable to require Open Access Providers to adhere to VSP’s quality standards.
- VSP may deny any claims received after three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the date services are rendered and/or materials provided.
PLAN BENEFITS
AFFILIATE PROVIDERS

GENERAL

Affiliate Providers are providers of Covered Services and Materials who are not contracted as VSP Preferred Providers but who have agreed to bill VSP directly for Plan Benefits provided pursuant to this Schedule. However, some Affiliate Providers may be unable to provide all Plan Benefits included in this Schedule. Covered Persons should discuss requested services with their provider or contact VSP Customer Care for details.

COPAYMENT

There shall be a Copayment of $20.00 for the examination payable by the Covered Person at the time services are rendered. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be an additional $40.00 Copayment payable at the time the materials are ordered. The Copayment shall not apply to Elective Contact Lenses.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION- Covered in full* once every 12 months**

Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

LENSES - Covered in full* once every 12 months**

- Spectacle Lenses (Single, Lined Bifocal, or Lined Trifocal)

Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to age 26.

CONTACT LENSES

ELECTIVE

Elective Contact Lenses (materials only) are covered up to $150.00 once every 12 months.

Elective Contact Lens fitting and evaluation services are covered in full once every 12 months, after a maximum $60.00 Copayment.

NECESSARY

Necessary Contact Lenses are covered up to $210.00* once every 12 months**

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

*Less any applicable Copayment.
**Beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.
LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing: Up to $125.00†
   -Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Aids: 75% of Affiliate Provider’s fee up to $1000.00†

†Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is $1000.00 every two (2) years and a
maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period

Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

- Exclusions and limitations of benefits described above for VSP Preferred Providers shall also apply to services rendered by Affiliate Providers.
- Services from an Affiliate Provider are in lieu of services from a VSP Preferred Provider or an Open Access Provider.
- VSP is unable to require Affiliate Providers to adhere to VSP’s quality standards.
- Where Affiliate Providers are located in membership retail environments, Covered Persons may be required to purchase a membership in such entities as a condition of obtaining Plan Benefits.
GENERAL

This Rider lists additional vision care benefits to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY ("VSP") are entitled, subject to any applicable Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein or in the Schedule of Benefits with which it is associated. Plan Benefits under the Diabetic Eyecare Plus Program are available to Covered Persons who have been diagnosed with type 1 or type 2 diabetes and specific ophthalmological conditions. This Rider forms a part of the Policy or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are Covered Persons under this Policy, pursuant to eligibility criteria established by Client:

- Enrollee.
- The legal spouse of Enrollee.
- The domestic partner of the same or opposite gender as Enrollee, pursuant to Group’s eligibility.
- A dependent parent of Enrollee if such dependent parent is recognized as an eligible dependent under Group’s requirements.
- Any child of an Enrollee, including any natural child from the date of birth, legally adopted child from the date of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court holds the Enrollee responsible.

Dependent children are covered up to the end of the month in which they attain the age of 26 years.

A dependent, unmarried child over the limiting age may continue to be eligible as a dependent if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and chiefly dependent upon Enrollee for support and maintenance.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Diabetic Eyecare Plus Program ("DEP Plus") is intended to be a supplement to Covered Person’s group medical plan. Providers will first submit a claim to Covered Person’s group medical insurance plan, and then to VSP. Any amounts not paid by the medical plan will be considered for payment by VSP. (This is referred to as “Coordination of Benefits” or “COB.” Please refer to the Coordination of Benefits section of Covered Person’s Evidence of Coverage for additional information regarding COB.) If Covered Person does not have a group medical plan, providers will submit claims directly to VSP.

Examples of symptoms which may result in an Insured seeking services under DEP Plus may include, but are not limited to:

- blurry vision
- transient loss of vision
- trouble focusing
- “floating” spots

Examples of conditions which may require management under DEP Plus may include, but are not limited to:

- diabetic retinopathy
- diabetic macular edema
- rubeosis

REFERRALS

If Covered Person’s Member Doctor cannot provide Covered Services, the doctor will refer the Covered Person to another Member Doctor or to a physician whose offices provide the necessary services.

If the Covered Person requires services beyond the scope of DEP Plus, the Member Doctor will refer the Insured to a physician.

Referrals are intended to insure that Covered Persons receive the appropriate level of care for their presenting condition. Covered Persons do not require a referral from a Member Doctor in order to obtain Plan Benefits.
PLAN BENEFITS
VSP PREFERRED PROVIDER

COVERED SERVICES

Eye Examination: Covered in full after a Copayment of $20.00.

Special Ophthalmological Services: Covered in Full.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

The Diabetic Eyecare Plus Program provides coverage for limited, vision-related medical services. A current list of these procedures will be made available to Covered Persons upon request. The frequency at which these services may be provided is dependent upon the specific service and the diagnosis associated with such service.

NOT COVERED

1. Services and/or materials not specifically included in this Rider as Plan Benefits.
2. Frames, lenses, contact lenses or any other ophthalmic materials.
3. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
4. Surgery of any type, and any pre- or post-operative services.
5. Treatment for any pathological conditions.
6. An eye exam required as a condition of employment.
7. Insulin or any medications or supplies of any type.
8. Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where the Company is required by law to pay.

DIABETIC EYECARE PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

Diabetes A disease where the pancreas has a problem either making, or making and using, insulin.

Type 1 Diabetes A disease in which the pancreas stops making insulin.

Type 2 Diabetes A disease in which the pancreas either makes too little insulin or cannot properly use the insulin it makes to convert blood glucose to energy.

Diabetic Retinopathy A weakening in the small blood vessels at the back of the eye.

Rubeosis Abnormal blood vessel growth on the iris and the structures in the front of the eye.

Diabetic Macular Edema Swelling of the retina in diabetes mellitus due to leaking of fluid from blood vessels within the macula.
PLAN BENEFITS
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

A Non-Member Provider may require Covered Person to pay for all services in full at the time of the visit. If so, Covered Person should then submit a claim to VSP for reimbursement.

COVERED SERVICES

Eye Examination: Covered up to $100.00 after a $20.00 Copayment.

Special Ophthalmological Services: Covered up to $120.00 per individual service.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

1. Exclusions and limitations of benefits described above for Member Doctors shall also apply to services rendered by Non-Member Providers.
2. Services from a Non-Member Provider are in lieu of services from a Member Doctor.
3. There is no guarantee that the amount reimbursed will be sufficient to pay the cost of services or materials in full.
4. VSP is unable to require Non-Member Providers to adhere to VSPs quality standards.
5. VSP may deny any claims received after three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the date services are rendered and/or materials provided.