



RESOLUTION No. 20-518

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR VISION CARE PLAN COVERAGE WITH VSP TO PROVIDE VISION INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE ENROLLEES AND GRANTING THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE APPLICATION AND ALL ANNUAL RENEWAL DOCUMENTS DURING THE TERM OF THE APPLICATION PERIOD

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, by Resolution No. 20-151, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved Keenan and Associates as the County's new benefits broker; and

WHEREAS, Keenan and Associates went out to bid on a variety of County employee benefits in order to provide the County with benefits and services at a better price and with additional customer service options; and

WHEREAS, the County has maintained a contract with VSP through a Benefit Administrator, for the provision of self-funded vision benefits since 1977; and

WHEREAS, the research conducted revealed that the County could realize significant cost savings by dissolving the current benefits administration agreement with CSAC-EIA and contracting directly with Vision Service Plan (VSP) for vision insurance benefits; and

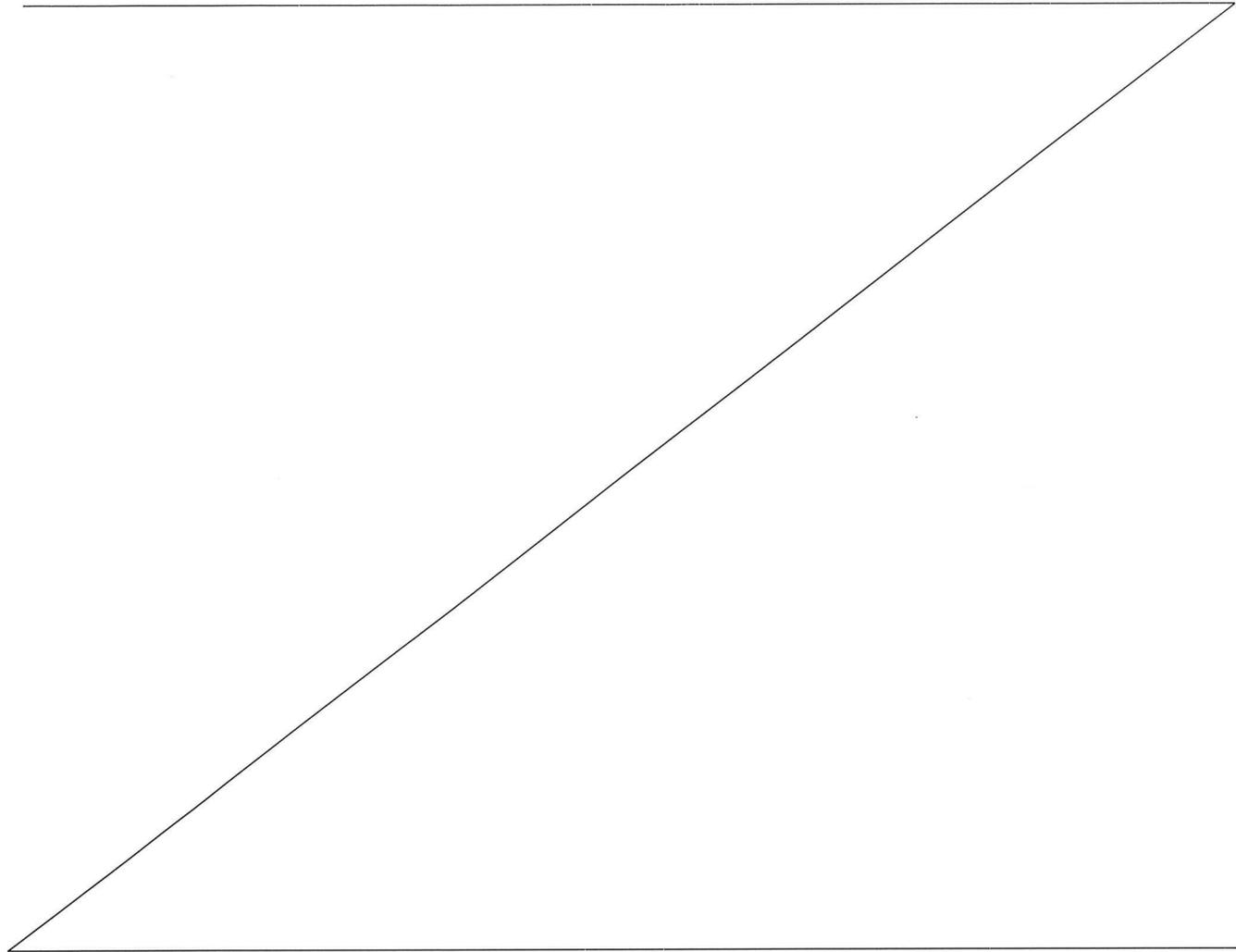
WHEREAS, the annual administrative cost savings realized by the County by directly contracting with VSP for vision insurance benefits is approximately \$50,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract directly with VSP, pursuant to the terms of the attached Application and Agreement for Vision Care Plan, for a four-year period, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the application sets the administrative rate at \$4.93 per enrollee per month for 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Application and Agreement for Vision Care Plan for vision care benefits for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025, be and hereby is approved in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Human Resources Director is authorized to execute the Application and Agreement and approve necessary annual renewal documents with VSP during the term of the application period.



PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 15th day of December, 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 



Heidi Hall, Chair

12/15/2020 cc: HR*
AC*

EXHIBIT A

APPLICATION FOR VISION CARE PLAN



Attn: Sales
 3333 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
 800.852.7600

Complete all applicable questions accurately and in detail.

CLIENT INFORMATION

1 Full legal name of client as it should appear on the policy: County of Nevada

Address: 950 Maidu Avenue

City: Nevada City County: Nevada State: ZIP: 95959

Principal Contact: Nancy Haffey Title: Senior Management Analyst Grant online access? Yes

Phone: 530-265-7189 Fax: 530-265-9841 E-mail: nancy.haffey@co.nevada.ca.us

Client is headquartered in state of *California*
 (if different state from section 1, provide physical address for client in this state)

Address:

City: County: State: ZIP:

2 Who should we contact with payment questions?

Name: Nancy Haffey Title: Sr. Management Analyst Grant online access? yes

Phone: 530-265-7189 Fax: 530-265-7189 E-mail: nancy.haffey@co.nevada.ca.us

3a Who should we contact with eligibility questions?

Name: Nancy Haffey Title: Sr. Management Analyst Grant online access? yes

Phone: 530-265-7189 Fax: 530-265-7189 E-mail: nancy.haffey@co.nevada.ca.us

3b Does your broker need access to view/manage/update your eligibility? yes no

Name: Title:

Phone: Fax: E-mail:

4 Who is the Benefit Administrator responsible for the overall administration of the plan (if not principal contact)?

Name: Title: Grant online access?

Phone: Fax: E-mail:

If multiple benefits administrators are at other locations, attach names, addresses, emails, phone, and fax numbers.

5 What is the nature/type of your business? Public Agency What is the DUNS number?

Standard Industry Code (SIC): 9111 Division: Major Group:

6 Membership information will be sent to VSP via: Electronic Transfers Online Eligibility Management

Membership information will be reported using Member SSNs Unique member IDs

If electronic transfer reporting OR if a Third Party Administrator will handle your eligibility, please provide their information. Firm:

Contact: Title: Grant online access?

Address:

City: County: State: ZIP:

Phone: Fax: E-mail:

In conjunction with health plan industry practices when providing electronic eligibility, VSP requests clients to send dependent eligibility information to VSP. This would include providing the covered dependent's full name, date of birth, and relationship to the employee/member. Dependents will be reported as a dependent under the employee's ID number.

Will dependent information be sent to VSP for eligibility purposes? yes no

If no, please explain:

Employers without Internet access for making membership updates will be contacted by VSP to review other options.

7 Is a COBRA division required? yes no

Names of additional divisions that require separate billing.

Address of additional divisions if applicable. **IMPORTANT:** Separate divisions will be billed on separate invoices
(If multiple divisions are needed, attach list of division names, contact names, address, email, phone, and fax numbers):

Billing address (if different than Client address):

City: County: State: ZIP:

Phone: Fax: E-mail:

If Self-Funded Program, do claims billings and administrative fee billings go to the same person? yes no

If no, please supply contact, title, address, email, phone, and fax number for each type of billing.

8 Number of employees eligible for benefits: 750

Does this represent the total number of employees in the company? yes no total number: plus retirees - approx - 400

Do you have an employee population outside of the US? yes no

If yes, what countries? number eligible?

Do you provide benefits to your retiree population? yes no

Dependents: Eligible dependents are the covered employee's spouse and unmarried and/or married dependent children until the date of birth OR end of the month OR end of the year that they reach their [26] birthday (also includes a child if incapable of self-support because of physical or mental incapacity that commenced prior to reaching the above age), and full-time students until the date of birth OR end of the month OR end of the year that they reach their [] birthday.

9 Dependents other than employee's spouse & children:

parents

domestic partners (all)

domestic partners (same sex only)

domestic partner's children

POLICY DETAILS

The rates listed must support the plan design and benefit selected and must meet all eligibility requirements. Please refer to your VSP-provided rate sheet for details or contact your VSP Account Executive. Any discrepancies may preclude acceptance by VSP.

10 Benefit Year (select one):

Service Year (from last date of service)

Calendar Year (**IMPORTANT:** Policy effective date and renewal date MUST be January 1)

Plan Year (from effective date of contract)

11 Plan Type (select all that apply):

Signature Plan

Choice Plan

Advantage

Signature Exam Plus

Choice Exam Plus

Advantage Exam Plus

Signature Exam Plus

Choice Exam Plus w/Allowances

Advantage Exam Plus w/Allowances

w/Allowances

Choice Materials Only

Advantage EasyOptions

Signature Materials Only

Choice EasyOptions

Other:

Signature EasyOptions

12 Is vision benefit: Core Voluntary Packaged with medical and/or dental

If **Voluntary** (vision is included as a stand-alone menu item in a list of benefits to choose from.):

Employer contribution percentage: for employee: % for dependent: %

Voluntary Participation Structure: *A minimum number of enrolled employees may apply.

Exam w/Voluntary Materials* Voluntary Pool 0-24% employer contribution*

Voluntary Pool 25% or more employer contribution* Core Employee/Voluntary Dependent Coverage*

If **Core Plus Options** (group provides a basic level of vision coverage to all employees with an option for the employee to buy up or enhance the benefit):

Employer contribution percentage: for employee: % for dependent: %

If **Packaged** (vision is tied to which of the following benefits: medical dental

13 Frequency of Service (select one):

A (12/24/24) (**IMPORTANT:** 12/24/24 is not available on voluntary plans) B (12/12/24) C (12/12/12)

Materials Only (select one): (/12/12) (/12/24) (/24/24)

Other:

Copayment(s) (select one):

None

Total co-payment: \$10 (applies to exam and eyewear)

OR

Split co-payment: \$ exam / \$ eyewear

14a Client has purchased Enhancements or Specialty Care: yes no

Buy-up Plan: yes no

Description:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anti-Reflective Coating with \$20 copay or \$ allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Covered Contact Lenses | <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred Laser VisionCare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photochromic with \$ copay or \$ allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Scratch Coating | <input type="checkbox"/> ProTec Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Progressives (all) with \$ copay or \$ allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Pair of Glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Progressives (standard only) with \$ copay or \$ allowance | <input type="checkbox"/> Retinal Imaging Copay: \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer VisionCare |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: high index | | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary EyeCare |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Suncare |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Repair/Replace |

14b Elective Contact Lens (Allowance): \$120 \$130 \$140 \$150 \$180 other: \$

Frame (Retail Frame Allowance): \$120 \$130 \$140 \$150 \$180 other: \$300

15 Requested effective date (*The effective date should not precede the date VSP receives this application.*)

This policy will become effective on the first day of [January] (month) [2021] (year), provided that all of the following has been completed prior to this effective date:

A. VSP has received and accepted this Application.

B. VSP has received and accepted Membership, including the required information of all employees that will be covered under this policy showing name, member ID, and number of dependents, if applicable.

This agreement will continue in force [48] months from the effective date. Rates are based on the assumption that VSP will receive these amounts over the full plan term.

16 Schedule A Information: Fiscal Year [] through [].

Schedule A will be sent to the person named as the principal contact. A copy of the report may also be sent to your broker and/or your third party administrator.

17 Do you currently have coverage: yes no If yes, current vision plan carrier: VSP

If current carrier is VSP, please provide Client Name:County of Nevada

18 For fully-insured programs (VSP will bill you for your first month's premium)

Rates

Employee-only or composite rate basis \$

Two-rate basis \$

Three-rate basis \$

Four-rate basis \$

IMPORTANT: Sold rates are required

- 19 For self-insured programs, Administrative Fee:
Fixed fee: \$4.93 or Percent of claims: % or Dollars per claims: \$
If Administrative Fees are based on tiers, check box and indicate rates above in section 18.

AGREEMENT

The undersigned client hereby applies for vision care coverage through VSP. It is understood that:

- A. All future employees will be covered when they become eligible, or offered VSP coverage if voluntary.
- B. Member past service for clients previously covered by VSP will carry over and remain in force.
- C. Any non-VSP-created information outlining coverage or plan details must be reviewed by VSP prior to distribution to members.

Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

This application signed this [16] (day) of [september] (month) of [2020] (year).

Firm/Organization: Nevada Conty

Name: Steven Rose

Title: HR director

Signature:

BROKER / CONSULTANT

The broker/consultant indicated below is hereby designated Broker of Record by the above signed employer.

Legal Firm Name: Keenan and Associates

Address: 2355 Crenshaw Blvd #200

City: Torrance

County: Los Angeles

State: CA

ZIP: 90501

Licensed Producer's Name: Howell Southmayd

Title: Vice President, Municipalities

Phone: 310 212- 0363-

Fax:

E-mail: hsouthmayd@keenan.com

Broker Assistant Name: Stacey Comerchero

Phone: 916 859-7160

E-mail: scomerchero@keenan.com

Taxpayer ID: 95-2798626

Corporation Independent

Commission Checks Payable to:

Firm Name

Contact Name

Commission rate if paid: \$2.00 PEPM Not Paid

Name: Keenan & Associates - Attention Accounts Receivable

Address: 2355 Crenshaw Blvd #200

City: Torrance

County: Los Angeles

State: CA

ZIP: 90501

This application signed this [1st] (day) of [June] (month) of [2020] (year).

Print Name: Howell Southmayd

Title: Vice President, Municipalities

Signature of state-licensed agent:

Please send a copy of agent/broker license, if not currently on file with VSP.

ADDITIONAL BROKER / CONSULTANT

Please send a copy of agent/broker license, if not currently on file with VSP.

Legal Firm Name:

Address:

City:

County:

State:

ZIP:

Licensed Producer's Name:

Title:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Broker Assistant Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

Taxpayer ID:

Corporation Independent

Commission Checks Payable to:

Firm Name

Contact Name

Commission rate if paid: Not Paid

Name:

Address:

City:

County:

State:

ZIP:

This application signed this [] (day) of [] (month) of [] (year).

Print Name:

Title:

Signature of state-licensed agent:



VISION SERVICE PLAN
3333 QUALITY DRIVE
RANCHO CORDOVA, CALIFORNIA 95670 (916) 851-5000 (800) 877-7195

GROUP VISION CARE PLAN
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

Group Name	COUNTY OF NEVADA
Plan Number	30098899
State of Delivery	CALIFORNIA
Effective Date	JANUARY 1, 2021
Plan Term	FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTHS
Premium Due Date	FIRST DAY OF MONTH

In consideration of the statements and agreements contained in the Group Application and in consideration of payment by Group of the administrative fees and other amounts due as herein provided, VISION SERVICE PLAN ("VSP") agrees to provide certain individuals under this Group Vision Care Plan ("Plan") the benefits provided herein, subject to the exceptions, limitations and exclusions hereinafter set forth. This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the State of Delivery and is subject to the terms and conditions recited on the subsequent pages hereof, which are a part of this Plan.



Kate Renwick-Espinosa, President

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I.
DEFINITIONS

Key terms used in this Plan are defined and shall have the meaning set forth as follows, unless the context of a term's usage clearly requires otherwise.

1.01 **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**: The payments made to VSP by or on behalf of Group in consideration of administrative services rendered.

1.02. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM**: A group vision care plan whereby Group pays VSP for the Plan Benefits in addition to a monthly Administrative Fee.

1.03. **ADVANCE PAYMENT**: The amount paid in advance to VSP by or on behalf of Group to cover the estimated benefit costs of Group for one (1) month.

1.04. **BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION**: Authorization issued by VSP identifying the individual named as a Covered Person of VSP, and identifying those Plan Benefits to which Covered Person is entitled.

1.05. **CLAIMS AMOUNT**: Total charges for benefits delivered, including the cost of professional services and ophthalmic materials, charges for VSP services related to materials purchased, and taxes.

1.06. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**: All confidential or personal information concerning the medical, personal, financial or business affairs of Covered Persons acquired in the course of providing Plan Benefits hereunder.

1.07. **COPAYMENTS**: Any amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered.

1.08. **COVERED PERSON**: An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets VSP's eligibility criteria and who is covered under this Plan.

1.09. **ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT**: Any legal dependent of an Enrollee of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Group and approved by VSP in Article VI of this Plan under which such Enrollee is covered.

1.10. **EMERGENCY CONDITION**: A condition, with sudden onset and acute symptoms, that requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence calling for immediate, non-medical action.

1.11. **ENROLLEE**: An employee or member of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility specified under VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE.

1.12. **EXPERIMENTAL NATURE**: Procedure or lens that is not used universally or accepted by the vision care profession, as determined by VSP.

1.13. **GROUP**: An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under this Plan in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents.

1.14. **GROUP APPLICATION**: The form signed by an authorized representative of the Group to signify the Group's intention to have its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents become Covered Persons of VSP.

1.15. **GROUP VISION CARE PLAN (also, "THE PLAN")**: The Plan provided by VSP in favor of a Group, under which its Enrollees, and their Eligible Dependents are entitled to become Covered Persons of VSP and receive Plan Benefits in accordance with the terms of such Plan.

1.16. **MEMBER DOCTOR**: An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.

1.17. **NON-MEMBER 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.

1.18. **PLAN BENEFITS**: The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under this Plan, as defined in the Schedule of Benefits attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1.19. **RENEWAL DATE**: The date on which the Plan shall renew, or terminate if proper notice is given.

1.20. **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of this Plan.

1.21. **SCHEDULE OF ADVANCE PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit B, which states the payments to be made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him to Plan Benefits.

II.
TERM, TERMINATION, AND RENEWAL

2.01. **Plan Term:** This Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect for the Plan Term. At the end of the Plan Term, it will renew on a month to month basis unless either party notifies the other in writing, at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Plan Term, that the party is unwilling to renew the Plan. If such notice is given, the Plan will terminate at 12:00 midnight on the last day of the Plan Term, unless the parties reach mutual agreement on its renewal. If the Plan continues on a month to month basis after the Plan Term, either Party may thereafter terminate the Plan upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party.

If VSP issues written renewal materials to Group at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Plan Term and Group fails to accept the new terms and/or rates in writing prior to the end of the Plan Term, this Plan shall terminate at 12:00 midnight on the last day of the Plan Term as noted above.

2.02. **Termination:** Either party may terminate the agreement upon a sixty (60) day advance written notice. Group agrees to pay all Claims Amount and Administrative Fees for Plan Benefits provided pursuant to Benefit Authorizations issued prior to the Plan termination date, provided claims for such Plan Benefits are filed with VSP within six (6) months after termination of this Plan.

III.
OBLIGATIONS OF VSP

3.01. **Coverage of Covered Persons:** VSP will enroll each eligible Enrollee and his Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided, all of whom shall be referred to as "Covered Persons." To institute coverage, Group may be required to complete and sign a Group Application and forward such application to VSP, along with information regarding Enrollees and Eligible Dependents, and applicable amounts due. (Refer to VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE for further details.)

Following enrollment, VSP will provide Group with Member Benefit Summaries for Covered Persons. Such Member Benefit Summaries will summarize the terms and conditions of this Plan.

3.02. **Provision of Plan Benefits:** Through its Member Doctors (or through other licensed vision care providers in cases where a Covered Person is eligible for, and chooses to receive Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider) VSP shall provide Covered Persons such Plan Benefits listed in the Schedule of Benefits, Exhibit A hereto, subject to any limitations, exclusions, or Copayments therein stated.

Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to a Covered Person obtaining Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person desires to receive Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, the Covered Person must schedule an appointment and identify himself as a VSP Covered Person in order for the Member Doctor to obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. VSP shall provide Benefit Authorization to the Member Doctor to authorize the provision of Plan Benefits to the Covered Person. Each Benefit Authorization will contain an expiration date, allowing a specific period of time for the Covered Person to obtain Plan Benefits. Benefit Authorization shall be issued by VSP in accordance with the latest eligibility information furnished by Group and the Covered Person's past service utilization, if any. Any Benefit Authorization so issued by VSP shall constitute a certification to the Member Doctor that payment will be made. VSP shall not be held liable to Group for any Benefit Authorization issued in error in reliance on the latest eligibility information available to VSP as provided by the Group. Notwithstanding any other provision, no references to services shall be operative unless and to the extent that services are specifically set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, and when purchased by Client, the Additional Benefit Rider. Retail chains may not offer all Plan Benefits. Covered Person may contact Member Doctor for information describing vision care services and vision care materials offered.

VSP shall pay or deny claims for Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons, less any applicable Copayment, within a reasonable time but not more than thirty (30) calendar days after VSP has received a completed claim, unless special circumstances require additional time. In such cases, VSP may obtain an extension of fifteen (15) calendar days of this time limit by providing notice to the claimant of the reasons for the extension.

3.03. **Provision of Information to Covered Persons:** Upon request, VSP will make available to Covered Persons necessary information describing Plan Benefits and procedures. A copy of this Plan will be placed with Group. The Plan will also be available at the offices of VSP for copying or inspection by Covered Persons. VSP shall provide Group with an updated list twice annually of Member Doctors' names, addresses, and telephone numbers for distribution to Covered Persons. Covered Persons may also obtain a copy of the latest Member Doctor list by contacting VSP's Customer Service Department in writing or via the toll-free Customer Service telephone line, or by visiting VSP's Web site at www.vsp.com.

3.04. **Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreements** VSP and Group have delivered, or will deliver, upon execution and delivery of this Plan, certain information about the properties and operations of their respective businesses. VSP and Group, therefore, agree as follows:

a) **Definition of Confidential Information.** For purposes of this Plan, "Confidential Information" means any data and/or information, in any form, disclosed by the disclosing Party ("Discloser") to the receiving Party ("Recipient") either before or after the Effective Date, which relates to Discloser and/or its Affiliates, and solely by way of illustration and not in limitation shall include the following information: (i) current or future product(s), services, methodologies, plans, designs, costs, prices, customer or doctor names and addresses, finances or financial information (including budgets), marketing plans or strategies (including e-commerce development plans), business plans, matters, opportunities or offerings, equipment and other purchase matters, strategic matters, research, development, know-how and/or personnel, (ii) is identified as confidential at the time of disclosure, (iii) given the nature of the information disclosed and the circumstances surrounding its disclosure, reasonably ought to be treated as Confidential Information by a person in the same industry as Discloser, or (iv) by law must be protected as Confidential Information. Recipient acknowledges that the Confidential Information is proprietary to Discloser and has been developed and obtained through great efforts by Discloser. Confidential Information shall not, however, include information that (A) at the time of disclosure is, or subsequently becomes, available to the public or the industry through no fault or breach on the part of Recipient; (B) Recipient can demonstrate to have had rightfully in its possession prior to disclosure by Discloser; (C) is independently developed by Recipient without the use of any Confidential Information; or (D) Recipient rightfully obtains from a third party who has the right to transfer or disclose it. Confidential Information shall also be deemed to include any and all confidential information defined as Confidential Matters hereunder, the treatment of which shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3.04 of this Plan.

b) **Non-Disclosure and Non-Use of Confidential Information.** Recipient shall not, directly or indirectly, without the prior written approval of Discloser in each instance or unless otherwise expressly permitted herein,

use for its own benefit, publish or otherwise disclose to others, or authorize the use by others for their benefit, or to the detriment of Discloser, any of Discloser's Confidential Information. Recipient shall carefully restrict access to Discloser's Confidential Information to only those of its and its Affiliates' officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, "Representatives") who (i) clearly require such access in order to enable to perform their respective obligations under this Plan (ii) who are bound by confidentiality obligations that protect third party information which are at least as restrictive and protective as those contained in this Plan, and (iii) are not (or do not work for) direct competitors of Discloser. Recipient shall not use, copy, distribute and/or remove any of Discloser's Confidential Information from Recipient's premises except to the extent necessary or appropriate to carry out its respective obligations under the Plan, without the prior consent of Discloser. Recipient and its Representatives will employ all security measures used for their own proprietary information of similar nature but in no event using less than a reasonable degree of care. Recipient agrees to advise and require its Representatives of their obligations to keep such information confidential and shall each be liable for any acts and omissions of their Representatives related thereto.

c) **Return or Destruction of Confidential Information.** The Receiving Party, including its Personnel, its employees and/or agents shall upon request of Discloser (i) immediately return to Discloser's designated representative any and all documents or other information and materials in whatever form which contain Discloser's Confidential Information, or as permitted by Discloser, (ii) destroy all copies thereof, and certify to Discloser in writing that all copies of such documents or other information and materials have been destroyed; provided, however, that the Receiving Party may retain one set of such documents and other information and materials for archival purposes only, subject to the continuing confidentiality and security obligations set forth under this Plan. Recipient may disclose Discloser's Confidential Information if and to the extent required by a judicial or governmental request, requirement or order; provided that Recipient will take reasonable steps to give Discloser sufficient prior notice (to the extent that sufficient time is available) of such request, requirement or order for Discloser to contest, limit and/or protect such disclosure.

d) **Injunctive Relief.** The Parties understand and acknowledge that any disclosure or misappropriation of any Confidential Information in violation of this Plan may cause irreparable harm, for which monetary damages alone may not be an adequate remedy and, therefore, agrees that Discloser shall have the right to apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for an order immediately restraining any such further disclosure or misappropriation and for other equitable relief, without objection and without the requirement of posting a bond or other form of security. Such right of each Party is in addition to the remedies otherwise available under this Plan or otherwise at law or equity.

e) **Survival:** The obligations laid down in this Section 4 shall continue and survive beyond the termination of this Plan.

3.05. **Emergency Vision Care**: When vision care is necessary for Emergency Conditions, Covered Persons may obtain Plan Benefits by contacting a Member Doctor or Out-of-Network Provider. No prior approval from VSP is required for Covered Person to obtain vision care for Emergency Conditions of a medical nature. However, services for medical conditions, including emergencies, are covered by VSP only under the Acute EyeCare and Supplemental Primary EyeCare Plans. If Group 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 plans for care. For emergency conditions of a non-medical nature, such as lost, broken or stolen glasses, the Covered Person should contact VSP's Customer Service Department for assistance. Reimbursement and eligibility are subject to the terms of this Plan.

IV.
OBLIGATIONS OF THE GROUP

4.01. **Identification of Eligible Enrollees:** An Enrollee is eligible for coverage under this Plan, if he satisfies the enrollment criteria specified in Paragraph 6.01(a) and/or as mutually agreed to by VSP and Group. Group shall provide monthly eligibility information to VSP in a mutually agreed upon format and medium to identify all Enrollees who are eligible for coverage under this Plan. Group will supply to VSP, on or before the last day of each month, eligibility information sufficient to identify all Enrollees to be added to or deleted from VSP's coverage rosters for the coming month. The eligibility information shall include designation of family status for each such Enrollee, if dependent coverage is provided. Group shall, when requested, make available for inspection by VSP records having a bearing on the coverage of Covered Persons under this Plan.

4.02. **Claims Amounts and Advance of Payment:** Group shall provide all funds necessary to pay the Claims Amount associated with Covered Persons pursuant to this Plan. In order to assure timely and adequate payment, Group agrees to make an Advance Payment as outlined on the attached Schedule of Advance Payment and Administrative Fee, Exhibit B. This Advance Payment is an estimate of the Claims Amount for one (1) month. Group agrees to pay the actual Claims Amounts on a monthly basis within ten (10) days after receipt of VSP's statement. The Advance Payment amount may be adjusted each Plan Term if the average of monthly Claims Amount increases or decreases. The parties agree that such Advance Payment is reimbursable to the Group upon termination of this Plan, after the Group's indebtedness to VSP and/or its benefit providers has been satisfied. However, amounts paid to VSP as Advance Payment shall not be considered assets of the Group, and need not be held in trust by VSP.

4.03. **Administrative Fee:** Additionally, on or before the first day of each month, Group shall remit to VSP an Administrative Fee as outlined on the attached Schedule of Advance Payment and Administrative Fee, Exhibit B. Change will not be made to the Administrative Fee during any Plan Term unless there is a change in the Schedule of Benefits or a material change in any other terms and conditions of the Plan, provided any such change is mutually agreed upon in writing between VSP and Group.

Notwithstanding the above, VSP reserves the right to increase amounts due hereunder during a Plan Term by the amount of any tax or assessment not now in effect which is subsequently levied by any taxing authority, which is attributable to the amount due VSP from Group.

4.04. **Grace Period:** Group shall be allowed a grace period of thirty-one (31) days following the due date for making any payment of amounts due under this Plan. During the grace period, this Plan will remain in full force and effect for all Covered Persons. Late payments will be considered by VSP at the time of Plan renewal and may impact Group's

Advance Payment and Administrative Fees in future Plan Terms.

If Group fails to make any payment of amounts due by the end of any grace period, VSP may notify Group that the payment of amounts due has not been made, that coverage is canceled and that the Group is responsible for payment for the Claims Amount associated with Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons after the last period for which amounts due were fully paid, including the grace period and through the effective date of the termination. Group shall also remain responsible for payment, in accordance with Paragraph 2.02, of any Claims Amount associated with Benefit Authorizations outstanding at the time of termination, and for any legal and/or collection fees incurred by VSP in collecting amounts due under this Plan.

4.05. **Distribution of Required Documents:** Group agrees to distribute to Enrollees any disclosure forms, plan summaries or other materials that may be required to be given to plan subscribers by any regulatory authority. Such materials shall be distributed by Group no later than thirty (30) days after receipt or as otherwise required under state law.

V.
OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED PERSONS UNDER THE PLAN

5.01. **General:** By this Plan, Group makes coverage available to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided. However, this Plan may be amended or terminated by agreement between VSP and Group as indicated herein, without the consent or concurrence of Covered Persons. This Plan, and all Exhibits, Riders and attachments hereto, constitute VSP's sole and entire undertaking to Covered Persons under this Plan.

As a conditions of coverage, all Covered Persons under this Plan shall have the following obligations:

5.02. **Copayments for Services Received:** Where, as indicated in Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits), Copayments are required for certain Plan Benefits, Copayments shall be the personal responsibility of the Covered Person receiving the care and must be paid to the Member Doctor the date services are rendered.

5.03. **Obtaining Services from Member Doctors:** Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to receiving Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person desires to receive Plan Benefits, the Covered Person must select a Member Doctor, schedule an appointment, and identify himself as a Covered Person so the Member Doctor can obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. Should the Covered Person receive Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor without such Benefit Authorization, then for the purposes of those Plan Benefits provided to the Covered Person, the Member Doctor will be considered a Non-Member Provider and the benefits available will be limited to those for a Non-Member Provider, if any. Retail chains may not offer all Plan Benefits. Covered Person may contact Member Doctor for information describing vision care services and vision care materials offered.

5.04. **Submission of Non-Member Provider Claims:** If Non-Member Provider coverage is indicated Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits) written proof (receipt and the Covered Person's identification information) of all claims for services received from Non-Member Providers shall be submitted by Covered Persons to VSP within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the date of service. VSP may reject such claims filed more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the date of service..

Failure to submit a claim within this time period, however, shall not invalidate or reduce the claim if it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within such time period, provided the claim was submitted as soon as was reasonably possible and in no event, except in absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the required date of three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the date of service.

5.05. **Complaints and Grievances:** Covered Persons shall report any complaints and/or grievances to VSP at the address given herein. Complaints and grievances are disagreements regarding access to care, quality of care,

treatment or service. Complaints and grievances may be submitted to VSP verbally or in writing. A Covered Person may submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning his/her complaint or grievance to assist in VSP's review. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) days after receipt.

5.06. **Claim Denial Appeals:** If, under the terms of this Plan, a claim is denied in whole or in part, a request may be submitted to VSP by Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative for a full review of the denial. Covered Person may designate any person, including his/her provider, as his/her authorized representative. References in this section to "Covered Person" include Covered Person's authorized representative, where applicable.

a) Initial Appeal: The request must be made within one hundred eighty (180) days following denial of a claim and should contain sufficient information to identify the Covered Person for whom the claim was denied, including the VSP Enrollee's name, the VSP Enrollee's Member Identification Number, the Covered Person's name and date of birth, the provider of services and the claim number. 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 determination, 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 appeal from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative.

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

c) **Other Remedies:** When Covered Person has completed the appeals process stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation, or Group should advise Covered Person to 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 review of denied claims, including the appeals process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

5.07. **Time of Action:** No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Plan prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her grievance rights under this Plan and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim and any applicable invoices have been filed with VSP. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of six (6) years from the last date that the claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to VSP, in accordance with the terms of this Plan.

5.08. **Insurance Fraud:** Any Group and/or person who intends to defraud, knowingly facilitates a fraud or submits an application or files a claim with a false or deceptive statement, is guilty of insurance fraud. Such an act is grounds for immediate termination of the Plan for the Group or individual that committed the fraud.

VI.
ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

6.01. **Eligibility Criteria:** Individuals will be accepted for coverage hereunder only upon meeting all the applicable requirements set forth below.

(a) **Enrollees:** To be eligible for coverage, a person must:

(1) currently be an employee or member of the Group, and

(2) meet the criteria established in the coverage criteria mutually agreed upon by Group and VSP.

(b) **Eligible Dependents:** If dependent coverage is provided, the persons eligible for dependent coverage are:

(1) the legal spouse of any Enrollee, and

(2) any child of an Enrollee, including any natural child from the moment of birth, legally adopted child from the moment of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court holds the Enrollee responsible; Such dependent shall be eligible until the end of the month in which they attain the age of 26 years.

(3) as further defined by Group.

If a dependent unmarried child, prior to attainment of the prescribed age for termination of eligibility, becomes and continues to be, incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, that Eligible Dependent's coverage shall not terminate. Coverage will continue as long as he remains chiefly dependent on the Enrollee for support and the Enrollee's coverage remains in force; PROVIDED satisfactory proof of the dependent's incapacity can be furnished to VSP within thirty-one (31) days of the date the Eligible Dependent's coverage would have otherwise terminated, and at such other times as VSP may request proof, but not more frequently than annually.

6.02. **Documentation of Eligibility:** Persons satisfying the requirements for coverage under either of the above classes shall be eligible if:

(a) in the case of an Enrollee, the individual's name and Social Security Number have been reported by the Group to VSP in the manner provided hereunder, and

(b) in the case of changes to an Eligible Dependent's status, the change has been reported by the Group to VSP in the manner provided herein. As indicated in Paragraph 4.01 above, VSP may elect to inspect the Group's records in order to verify eligibility of Enrollees and dependents. Plan Benefits will be available only to persons on whose behalf applicable amounts due have been paid for the current period, or Grace Periods outlined above in Paragraph 4.04. If a clerical error is made, it will not affect the coverage to which the Covered Person is entitled under the Plan.

6.03. **Retroactive Eligibility Changes:** Retroactive eligibility changes are limited to sixty (60) days prior to the date notice of any such requested change is received by VSP. If coverage is retroactively terminated for an individual, Group shall remain responsible for the Claims Amount associated with any Plan Benefits provided to that individual pursuant to the Benefit Authorization issued by VSP in reliance on the latest eligibility information available to VSP at the time of such Benefit Authorization.

6.04. **Change of Participation Requirements, Contribution of Fees, and Eligibility Rules:** Composition of the Group, percentage of Enrollees covered under the Plan, and Group's contribution and Group's eligibility requirements are all material to VSP's obligations under this Plan. During the term of this Plan, Group must provide VSP with written notice of changes to its composition, percentage of Enrollees covered, contribution or eligibility requirements. Any such change which materially affects VSP's obligations hereunder must be mutually agreed upon in writing between VSP and Group and may constitute a material change to the terms and conditions of this Plan for purposes of Paragraph 4.03. Nothing in this section shall limit Group's ability to add Enrollees and/or Eligible Dependents in accordance with the terms of this Plan.

6.05. **Change in Family Status:** In the event Group is notified of any change in a Covered Person's family status (by marriage, the addition (e.g., newborn or adopted child) or deletion of dependent children, etc.) Group shall provide notice of such change to VSP via the next eligibility listing required under Paragraph 4.01. If such notice is given, the change in the Covered Person's status will be effective on the first day of the month following the request for change, or at a requested later date. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a newborn child will be covered for thirty-one (31) days after birth and an adopted child will be covered for thirty-one (31) days after the date the Enrollee or Enrollee's spouse acquires the right to control the health care of the child. To continue coverage for a newborn or adopted child beyond the initial thirty-one (31) day period, the Group must be properly notified of the Enrollee's change in family status and applicable amounts due must be paid to VSP on behalf of the child.

6.06. **Family and Medical Leave Act:** The federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), requires that under certain circumstances health plan benefits available to an eligible Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available during certain periods of leave. Benefits will be available at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the eligible Enrollee had not gone on leave. If, and only to the extent, FMLA applies to the parties to this Plan, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available based on the eligibility information provided by the Group.

VII.
CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

7.01. **COBRA**: The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requires that, under certain circumstances, health plan benefits available to an Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available for purchase by said persons upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent, COBRA applies, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

VIII.
ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES

8.01. **Dispute Resolution:** Any dispute or question arising between VSP and Group or any Covered Person involving the application, interpretation, or performance under this Plan shall be settled, if possible, by amicable and informal negotiations. This will allow such opportunity as may be appropriate under the circumstances for fact-finding and mediation. If any issue cannot be resolved in this fashion, it shall be submitted to arbitration.

8.02. **Procedure:** The procedure for arbitration hereunder shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time of the dispute.

8.03. **Choice of Law:** Question(s) and dispute(s) hereunder are to be resolved by arbitration. However, if there are any matters arising in connection with this Plan which do become the subject of legal process, the applicable law shall be that of the State of delivery of this Plan.

IX.
NOTICES

9.01. **Required Notices**: Any notices to be given under this Plan to either the Group or VSP shall be in writing and delivered by United States First Class Mail. Notices sent to the Group will be mailed to the address shown on the Group Application. Notices sent to VSP shall be sent to the address shown on this Plan. Any notices may be hand-delivered by either party to an appropriate representative of the party, with the burden being on the party effecting such hand-delivery, to prove, if questioned, that such delivery was made.

X.
MISCELLANEOUS

10.01. **Entire Plan**: This Plan, the Group Application, and all Exhibits and attachments, and any amendments hereto, constitute the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements between them, either written or oral. Any change or amendment to the Plan must be approved by an officer of VSP and attached to be valid. No agent has the authority to change this Plan or waive any of its provisions. Communication materials prepared by Group for distribution to Enrollees do not constitute a part of this Plan.

10.02. **Indemnity**: VSP agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Group, its shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising from the failure of VSP, its officers, agents or employees, to perform any of the activities, duties or responsibilities specified herein. Group agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless VSP, its members, shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising or resulting from the failure of Group, its officers or employees to perform any of the duties or responsibilities specified herein.

10.03. **Liability**: VSP arranges for the provision of vision care services and materials through agreements with Member Doctors, who are independent contractors responsible for exercising independent judgment. VSP does not itself directly furnish vision care services or supply materials. Under no circumstances shall VSP or Group be liable for the negligence, wrongful acts or omissions of any doctor, laboratory, or any other person or organization performing services or supplying materials in connection with this Plan.

10.04. **Assignment**: Neither this Plan nor any of the rights or obligations of either of the parties may be assigned or transferred, except as noted herein, without the prior written consent of both parties.

10.05. **Severability**: Should any provision of this Plan be declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

10.06. **Governing Law**: This Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with applicable federal and state law. Any provision that is in conflict with, or not in compliance with, applicable federal or state statutes or regulations is hereby amended to conform with the requirements of such statutes or regulations, now or hereafter existing.

10.07. **Gender**: All pronouns used herein are deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular, or plural, as the identity(ies) of the person(s) may require.

10.08. **Communication Materials**: All Communication materials created by Group which relate to this vision care Plan must adhere to VSP's Member Communication Guidelines, distributed to Group by VSP. Such communication materials may be sent to VSP for review and approval in advance of mailing to Enrollees. VSP's review of such materials shall be limited to approving the accuracy of Plan Benefits and shall not encompass or constitute certification that Group's materials meet any applicable legal or regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, ERISA requirements.

10.09. **Grievances/Complaints**: The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans. If you have a grievance against your health plan, you should first telephone your health plan at **(800) 877-7195** and use your health plan's grievance process before contacting the Department. Utilizing this grievance procedure does not prohibit any potential legal rights or remedies that may be available to you. If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency, a grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved by your health plan, or a grievance that has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call the Department for assistance.

You may also be eligible for an Independent Medical Review (IMR). If you are eligible for IMR, the IMR process will provide an impartial review of medical decisions made by a health plan related to the medical necessity of a proposed service or treatment, coverage decisions for treatments that are experimental or investigational in nature and payment disputes for emergency or urgent medical services.

The Department also has a toll-free telephone number **(1-888-HMO-2219)** and a TDD line **(1-877-688-9891)** for the hearing and speech impaired. The Department's Internet Web site (**<http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov>**) has complaint forms, IMR application forms and instructions online. The plan's grievance process and the Department's complaint review process are in addition to any other dispute resolution procedures that may be available to Covered Persons, and the failure to use these procedures does not preclude Covered Person's use of any other remedy provided by law.

EXHIBIT A

**VISION SERVICE PLAN
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
Signature Plan**

GENERAL

This Schedule lists the vision care services and vision care materials to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN ("VSP") are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. If Plan Benefits are available for Non-Member Provider services, as indicated by the reimbursement provisions below, vision care services and vision care materials may be received from any licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or dispensing optician, whether Member Doctors or Non-Member Providers. This Schedule forms a part of the Plan or Certificate to which it is attached.

When Plan Benefits are received from Member Doctors, benefits appearing in the first column below are applicable subject to any Copayments as stated below. When Plan Benefits are available and received from Non-Member Providers, the Covered Person is reimbursed for such benefits according to the schedule in the second column below less any applicable Copayments.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to each Covered Person subject only to payment of the applicable Copayment by the Covered Person. Copayments are required for Plan Benefits received from Member Doctors and Non-Member Providers. Covered Persons must also follow the proper procedures for obtaining Benefit Authorization.

A Copayment amount of \$10.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time services are rendered. Additionally, a separate Copayment as stated in the Lens Options section of this Schedule of Benefits shall also apply.

PLAN BENEFITS

	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
VISION CARE SERVICES		
<u>Eye Examination</u>	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 50.00*

Complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated.

Subsequent regular eye examinations once every plan year beginning on January 1st.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

VISION CARE MATERIALS

<u>Lenses</u>	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
Single Vision	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 50.00*
Bifocal	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 75.00*
Trifocal	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 100.00*
Lenticular	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 125.00*

Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

Standard Progressive Lenses covered in full
Available once every plan year beginning on January 1st.

<u>Frames</u>	Covered up to Plan Allowance*	Up to \$ 70.00*
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Available once every plan year beginning on January 1st.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses for post PRK, LASIK, or Custom LASIK patients.

Lenses and frames include such professional services as are necessary, which shall include:

- Prescribing and ordering proper lenses;
- Assisting in the selection of frames;
- Verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses;
- Proper fitting and adjustment of frames;
- Subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency;
- Progress or follow-up work as necessary.

Lens Options

Anti-reflective coating	Covered in full ¹	Not Covered
High Index	Covered in full	Not Covered

1. Less \$20.00 Copayment

CONTACT LENSES

Contact lenses are available once every plan year in lieu of all other lens and frame benefits available herein. When contact lenses are obtained, the Covered Person shall not be eligible for lenses and frames again for one plan year.

Necessary-

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider. Prior review and approval by VSP are not required for Covered Person to be eligible for Necessary Contact Lenses.

**MEMBER DOCTOR
BENEFIT**

Professional Fees and Materials
Covered in full*

**NON-MEMBER
PROVIDER BENEFIT**

Professional Fees and Materials
Up to \$210.00*

Elective -

**MEMBER DOCTOR
BENEFIT**

Elective Contact Lens fitting and evaluation** services are covered in full once every plan year, after a maximum \$60.00 Copayment.

Materials
Up to \$120.00

**NON-MEMBER
PROVIDER BENEFIT**

Professional Fees and Materials
Up to \$105.00

*Subject to Copayment

**15% discount applies to Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting.

LOW VISION BENEFIT

The Low Vision benefit is available to Covered Persons who have severe visual problems that are not correctable with regular lenses.

	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
Supplementary Testing	Covered in Full	Up to \$125.00

Complete low vision analysis/diagnosis, which includes a comprehensive examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear or vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Care Aids	75% of Cost	75% of Cost
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Subsequent low vision aids.

Copayment for Supplemental Aids: 25% payable by Covered Person.

Benefit Maximum

The maximum benefit available is \$1000.00 (excluding Copayment) every two years.

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Low Vision benefits secured from a Non-Member Provider are subject to the same time limits and Copayment arrangements as described above for a Member Doctor. The Covered Person should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. The Covered Person will be reimbursed in accordance with an amount not to exceed what VSP would pay a Member Doctor in similar circumstances. NOTE: There is no assurance that this amount will be within the 25% Copayment feature.

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.

PATIENT OPTIONS

This Plan is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials. When the Covered Person selects any of the following extras, the Plan will pay the basic cost of the allowed lenses or frames, and the Covered Person will pay the additional costs for the options.

- Optional cosmetic processes.
- Color coating.
- Mirror coating.
- Scratch coating.
- Blended lenses.
- Cosmetic lenses.
- Laminated lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses.
- Photochromic lenses, tinted lenses except Pink #1 and Pink #2.
- Progressive multifocal lenses.
- UV (ultraviolet) protected lenses.
- Certain limitations on low vision care.
- A frame that costs more than the Plan allowance.
- Contact lenses (except as noted elsewhere herein).

NOT COVERED

There is no benefit for professional services or materials connected with:

- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; plano lenses (less than a $\pm .50$ diopter power); or two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals;
- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this Plan which are lost or broken, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available;
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes;
- Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature;
- Costs for services and/or materials above Plan Benefit allowances;
- Services and/or materials not indicated on this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits.

VSP MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, WAIVE ANY OF THE PLAN LIMITATIONS IF, IN THE OPINION OF VSP's OPTOMETRIC CONSULTANTS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE VISUAL WELFARE OF THE COVERED PERSON.

EXHIBIT B

**VISION SERVICE PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ADVANCE PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
Signature Plan**

VSP shall be entitled to receive amounts due for each month on behalf of each Enrollee and his/her Eligible Dependents, if any in the amounts specified below:

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: \$4.93 PER ELIGIBLE ENROLLEE

NOTICE: The amount due under this Plan is subject to change upon renewal (after the end of the Plan Term or any subsequent Plan Term) or upon change of the Schedule of Benefits or a material change in any other terms or conditions of the Plan.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER DIABETIC EYECARE PLUS PROGRAM

GENERAL

This Rider lists additional vision care benefits to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN ("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 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 PLAN or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Enrollee.
- The legal spouse of Enrollee.
- Domestic Partner.
- Any child of 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 or administrative agency 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 Covered Person 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 Covered Person to a physician.

Referrals are intended to insure that Covered Person 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
MEMBER DOCTORS**

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 Person 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 VSP 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.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN

VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

6.01 (b) **Eligible Dependents**, Add the Following:

(1a) The domestic partner of the same or opposite in gender as Enrollee, pursuant to the Group's eligibility rules which are applicable to the Group's general medical benefits, and

(2b) Any children of the domestic partner provided they depend upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN THE CALIFORNIA CONTINUATION BENEFITS REPLACEMENT ACT OF 1997 (CAL-COBRA)

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 1366.25, the following section is hereby incorporated into the Group Vision Care Plan, if, and only to the extent Cal-COBRA applies to the parties to this Plan:

The California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act of 1997 (**Cal-COBRA**) requires health care service plans providing contracted coverage to employers with 2 to 19 eligible employees to offer continuation coverage for purchase by qualified beneficiaries upon the occurrence of a qualifying event. VSP and Group are subject to the following obligations in connection with continuation coverage:

1. Group agrees to provide VSP with notice of any employee who has had a "qualifying event", within 31 days of the qualifying event. A "qualifying event" means any of the following events that, but for the election of continuation coverage provided thereunder, would result in a loss of coverage under the group benefit plan to a qualified beneficiary:

- The death of the covered employee.
- The termination or reduction of hours of the covered employee's employment, except that termination for gross misconduct does not constitute a qualifying event.
- The divorce or legal separation of the covered employee from the covered employee's spouse.
- The loss of dependent status by a dependent enrolled in the group benefit plan.
- With respect to a dependent only, the covered employee's eligibility for coverage under Title XVIII of the United States Social Security Act (Medicare).

Within 14 days of receipt of the foregoing notice of a qualifying event from Group, VSP will send to the qualified beneficiary's last known address, as provided by Group, the necessary benefits information, premium information, enrollment forms, and instructions to allow the qualified beneficiary to formally elect continuation coverage.

2. Group agrees to notify qualified beneficiaries currently receiving continuation coverage, whose continuation coverage will terminate under one group benefit plan prior to the end of the period the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered under Cal-COBRA, as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1366.27, a minimum of 30 days prior to the termination, of the qualified beneficiary's ability to continue coverage under a new group benefit plan for the balance of the period the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered under the prior group benefit plan. Group agrees to provide qualified beneficiaries subject to this paragraph with the necessary benefits information, premium information, enrollment forms, and instructions to allow the qualified beneficiary to continue coverage. This information shall be sent to the qualified beneficiary's last known address, as provided by the plan currently providing continuation coverage to the qualified beneficiary.

Group Vision Care Plan



Vision Care for Life

EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE & DISCLOSURE FORM

Provided by:
VISION SERVICE PLAN

3333 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 851-5000 (800) 877-7195

THIS EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND DISCLOSURE FORM DISCLOSES THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE. PLEASE READ THE FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ THOSE SECTIONS THAT APPLY TO THEM. ALL APPLICANTS HAVE A RIGHT TO REVIEW THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND DISCLOSURE FORM PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT.

To be filled in by employer in the event this document is used to develop a Summary Plan Description:

NAME OF EMPLOYER:
NAME OF PLAN:
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:

EMPLOYER I.D.#:

PLAN #:

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:
ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:

ADDRESS:

THIS EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND DISCLOSURE FORM CONSTITUTES ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE. THE PLAN CONTRACT ITSELF SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE GOVERNING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE.

DEFINITIONS:

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER	The document attached to this Evidence of Coverage,, when purchased by Group, which lists selected vision care services and vision care materials that a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Plan.
ANISOMETROPIA	A condition of unequal refractive state for the two eyes, one eye requiring a different lens correction than the other.
BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION	Authorization issued by VSP identifying the individual named as a Covered Person of VSP, and identifying those Plan Benefits to which a Covered Person is entitled.
COPAYMENTS	Any amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered.
COVERED PERSON	An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets VSP's eligibility criteria and on whose behalf Premiums have been paid to VSP, and who is covered under this plan.
ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT	Any legal dependent of an Enrollee of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Group and approved by VSP under section VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE of the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator under which such Enrollee is covered.
EMERGENCY CONDITION	A condition, with sudden onset and acute symptoms, that requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence requiring immediate, non-medical action.
ENROLLEE	An employee or member of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility specified under section VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE of the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator.
EXPERIMENTAL NATURE	Procedure or lens that is not used universally or accepted by the vision care profession, as determined by VSP.
GROUP	An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under this plan in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents.

KERATOCONUS	A development or dystrophic deformity of the cornea in which it becomes coneshaped due to a thinning and stretching of the tissue in its central area.
MEMBER DOCTOR	An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.
NON-MEMBER 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 BENEFITS	The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under this plan, as defined on the enclosed insert or in the Schedule of Benefits attached as Exhibit A to the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator.
PREMIUMS	The payments made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him/her to Plan Benefits, as stated in the Schedule of Premiums attached as Exhibit B to the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator.
RENEWAL DATE	The date on which this plan shall renew or terminate if proper notice is given.
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	The document, attached as Exhibit A to the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of this plan.
SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS	The document, attached as Exhibit B to the Group Plan document maintained by your Group Administrator, which states the payments to be made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him/her to Plan Benefits.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

Enrollees: To be eligible for coverage, a person must currently be an employee or member of the Group, and meet the criteria established in the coverage criteria mutually agreed upon by Group and VSP.

Eligible Dependents: If dependent coverage is provided, the persons eligible for coverage as dependents shall include the legal spouse of any Enrollee, and any child of an Enrollee who has not attained the limiting age as shown on the enclosed insert, including any natural child from the moment of birth, legally adopted child from the moment of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court holds the Enrollee responsible.

A dependent, unmarried child over the limiting age as shown on the enclosed insert 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 the Enrollee for support and maintenance.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT/DISENROLLMENT

Except for new Enrollees joining this plan, Enrollees and Eligible Dependents shall have the right to become covered or cancel coverage once each year during the thirty (30) day period beginning sixty (60) days prior to the anniversary of the effective date of this plan (or as may otherwise be allowed by mutual agreement between the Group and VSP). Any such coverage or cancellation of coverage may be accomplished only by Group giving VSP written notice thereof on behalf of the Enrollee or Eligible Dependent before the end of the prescribed thirty (30) day period and will take effect on the anniversary date following receipt of such notice.

PREMIUMS

Your Group is responsible for payments to VSP of the periodic charges for your coverage. You will be notified of your share of the charges, if any, by your Group. The entire cost of the program is paid to VSP by your Group.

PROCEDURES FOR USING THIS PLAN

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO YOU WILL KNOW FROM WHOM OR WHAT GROUP OF PROVIDERS HEALTH CARE MAY BE OBTAINED.

1. When you desire to obtain Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, you should contact a Member Doctor or VSP. A list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of Member Doctors in your geographic location can be obtained from your Group, Plan Administrator, or VSP. If this list does not cover the geographic area in which you desire to seek services, you may call or write the VSP office nearest you to obtain one which does.
2. If you are eligible for Plan Benefits, VSP will provide Benefit Authorization directly to the Member Doctor. If you contact a Member Doctor directly, you must identify yourself as a VSP member so the doctor knows to obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP.
3. When such Benefit Authorization is provided by VSP and services are performed prior to the expiration date of the Benefit Authorization, this will constitute a claim against this plan in spite of your termination of coverage or the termination of this plan. Should you receive services from a Member Doctor without such Benefit Authorization or obtain services from a provider who is not a Member Doctor, you are responsible for payment in full to the provider.
4. You pay only the Copayment (if any) to the Member Doctor for the services covered by this plan. VSP will pay the Member Doctor directly according to their agreement with the doctor. VSP reimburses its Member Doctors on a fee-for-service basis. There are no incentives or financial bonuses paid to Member Doctors for services covered under this plan.

Note: If you are eligible for and obtain Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider, you should pay the provider his full fee. You will be reimbursed by VSP in accordance with the Non-Member Provider reimbursement schedule shown on the enclosed insert, less any applicable Copayments.

5. In emergency conditions, when immediate vision care of a medical nature such as for bodily trauma or disease is necessary, Covered Person can obtain covered services by contacting a Member Doctor (or Out-of-Network Provider if the attached Schedule of Benefits indicates Covered Person's Plan includes such coverage). No prior approval from VSP is required for Covered Person to obtain vision care for Emergency Conditions of a medical nature. However, services for medical conditions, including emergencies, are covered by VSP only under the Acute EyeCare and Primary EyeCare Plans. If coverage for one of these plans is not indicated on the attached Schedule of Benefits or Addendum, Covered Person is not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Person's medical insurance plan for care. For emergency conditions of a non-medical nature, such as lost, broken or stolen glasses, the Covered Person should contact VSP's Customer Service Department for assistance.

Emergency vision care is subject to the same benefit frequencies, plan allowances, Copayments and exclusions stated herein. Reimbursement to Member Doctors will be made in accordance with their agreement with VSP.

6. In the event of termination of a Member Doctor's membership in VSP, VSP will remain liable to the Member Doctor for services rendered to you at the time of termination and permit Member Doctor to continue to provide you with Plan Benefits until the services are completed or until VSP makes reasonable and appropriate arrangements for the provision of such services by another authorized doctor.

BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

VSP authorizes Plan Benefits according to the latest eligibility information furnished to VSP by Covered Person's Group and the level of coverage (i.e. service frequencies, covered materials, reimbursement amounts, limitations, and exclusions) purchased for Covered Person by Group under this Plan. When Covered Person requests services under this Plan, Covered Person's prior utilization of Plan Benefits will be reviewed by VSP to determine if Covered Person is eligible for new services based upon Covered Person's Plan's level of coverage. Please refer to the attached Schedule of Benefits for a summary of the level of coverage provided to Covered Person by Group.

BENEFITS AND COVERAGES

Through its Member Doctors, VSP provides Plan Benefits to Covered Persons, subject to the limitations, exclusions, and Copayment(s) described herein. When you wish to obtain Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, you should contact the Member Doctor of your choice, identify yourself as a VSP member, and schedule an appointment. If you are eligible for Plan Benefits, VSP will provide Benefit Authorization for you directly to the Member Doctor prior to your appointment.

IMPORTANT: The benefits described below are typical services and materials available under most VSP plans. However, the actual Plan Benefits provided to you by your Group may be different. Refer to the attached Schedule of Benefits and/or Disclosure to determine your specific Plan Benefits.

1. Eye Examination: A complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated. Each Covered Person is entitled to a Eye Examination as indicated on the enclosed insert.
2. Lenses: The Member Doctor will order the proper lenses necessary for your visual welfare. The doctor shall verify the accuracy of the finished lenses. Each Covered Person is entitled to new lenses as indicated on the enclosed insert.
3. Frames: The Member Doctor will assist in the selection of frames, properly fit and adjust the frames, and provide subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency. Each Covered Person is entitled to new frames as indicated on the enclosed insert.
4. Contact lenses: Unless otherwise indicated on the enclosed insert, contact lenses are available under this Plan in lieu of all other lens and frame benefits described herein.

When you obtain Necessary contact lenses from a Member Doctor, professional fees and materials will be covered as indicated on the enclosed insert.

When Elective contact lenses are obtained from a Member Doctor, VSP will provide an allowance toward the cost of professional fees and materials. A 15% discount shall also be applied to the Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting. Contact lens materials are provided at the Member Doctor's usual and customary charges.

5. If you elect to receive vision care services from one of the Member Doctors, Plan Benefits are provided subject only to your payment of any applicable Copayment. If your Plan includes Non-Member Provider coverage and you choose to obtain Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider, you should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. VSP will reimburse you in accordance with the reimbursement schedule shown on the enclosed insert, less any applicable Copayment. **THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE SCHEDULE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE EXAMINATION OR THE MATERIALS.** Availability of services under the Non-Member Provider reimbursement schedule is subject to the same time limits and Copayments as those described for Member Doctor services. Services obtained from a Non-Member Provider are in lieu of obtaining services from a Member Doctor and count toward plan benefit frequencies.
6. Low Vision Services and Materials (applicable only if included in your Plan Benefits outlined on the enclosed insert): The Low Vision Benefit provides special aid for people who have acuity or visual field loss that cannot be corrected with regular lenses. If a Covered Person falls within this category, he or she will be entitled to professional services as well as ophthalmic materials including but not limited to supplemental testing, evaluations, visual training, low vision prescription services, plus optical and non-optical aids, subject to the frequency and benefit limitations as outlined on the enclosed insert. Consult your Member Doctor for details.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to you subject only to your payment of any applicable Copayment(s) as described in this booklet and on the enclosed insert. ANY ADDITIONAL CARE, SERVICE AND/OR MATERIALS NOT COVERED BY THIS PLAN MAY BE ARRANGED BETWEEN YOU AND THE DOCTOR.

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.

This Plan is designed to cover *visual* needs rather than *cosmetic* materials. If you select any of the following extras, this Plan will pay the basic cost of the allowed lenses or frames, and you will be responsible for the additional costs for the options, unless the extra is defined as a Plan Benefit in the enclosed Schedule of Benefits insert.

- Optional cosmetic processes.
- Anti-reflective coating.
- Color coating.
- Mirror coating.
- Scratch coating.
- Blended lenses.
- Cosmetic lenses.
- Laminated lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses.
- Photochromic lenses, tinted lenses except Pink #1 and Pink #2.
- Progressive multifocal lenses.
- UV (ultraviolet) protected lenses.
- Certain limitations on low vision care.

NOT COVERED

There is no benefit under this plan for professional services or materials connected with:

- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; plano lenses (less than $\pm .50$ diopter power); or two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this plan which are lost or broken except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature.
- Costs for services and/or materials above Plan Benefit allowances indicated on the enclosed insert.
- Services/materials not indicated as covered Plan Benefits on the enclosed insert.

LIABILITY IN EVENT OF NON-PAYMENT

In the event VSP fails to pay the provider, you shall not be liable for any sums owed by VSP other than those not covered by the policy.

Timely Access to Care

Covered Persons have the right to receive care and services in a timely manner.

Appointment Type	Timeframe
Routine Eye Exam	Within 30 calendar days
Non-Urgent Medical	Within seven days
Urgent Care	If call is received during office hours, and the doctor determines the need of the member to be urgent, member should be seen within 24 hours
Telephone Screening	Evaluated to determine the severity of the condition and disposition of the patient
Specialty Referral	Within 14 calendar days from the time the primary care provider requests the referral

Language Interpreter Services

Covered Persons have the right to receive language interpreter services. When scheduling an appointment, they can tell the provider's office that they need an interpreter at the time of their visit.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

If Covered Person ever has a question or problem, Covered Person's first step is to call VSP's Customer Service Department. The Customer Service Department will make every effort to answer Covered Person's question and/or resolve the matter informally. If a matter is not initially resolved to the satisfaction of a Covered Person, the Covered Person may communicate a complaint or grievance to VSP orally or in writing by using the complaint form that may be obtained upon request from the Customer Service Department. Complaints and grievances include disagreements regarding access to care, or the quality of care, treatment or service. Covered Persons also have the right to submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning a complaint or grievance to assist in VSP's review. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) days after receipt.

Claim Payments and Denials

A. Initial Determination: VSP will pay or deny claims within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the claim from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative. In the event that a claim cannot be resolved within the time indicated VSP may, if necessary, extend the time for decision by no more than fifteen (15) calendar days.

B. Request for Appeals: If a Covered Person's claim for benefits is denied by VSP in whole or in part, VSP will notify the Covered Person in writing of the reason or reasons for the denial. Within one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of such notice of denial of a claim, Covered Person may make a verbal or written request to VSP for a full review of such denial. The request should contain sufficient information to identify the Covered Person for whom a claim for benefits was denied, including the name of the VSP Enrollee, Member Identification Number of the VSP Enrollee, the Covered Person's name and date of birth, the name of the provider of services and the claim number. The Covered Person may state the reasons the Covered Person believes that the claim denial was in error. The Covered Person may also provide any pertinent documents to be reviewed. VSP will review the claim and give the Covered Person the opportunity to review pertinent documents, submit any statements, documents, or written arguments in support of the claim, and appear personally to present materials or arguments. Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative should submit all requests for appeals to:

**VSP
Member Appeals
3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(800) 877-7195**

VSP's determination, 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 appeal from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative.

If Covered Person disagrees with VSP's determination, he/she may request a second level appeal within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the determination. VSP shall resolve any second level appeal within thirty (30) calendar days.

When Covered Person has completed all appeals mandated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation and arbitration. Covered Person should contact the U. S. Department of Labor or the State insurance regulatory agency for details. Additionally, under ERISA (Section 502(a)(1)(B)) [29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(1)(B)], Covered Person has the right to bring a civil (court) action when all available levels of reviews of denied claims, including the appeal process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

ARBITRATION

Any dispute or question arising between VSP and Group or any Covered Person involving the application, interpretation, or performance under this plan shall be settled, if possible, by amicable and informal negotiations. This will allow such opportunity as may be appropriate under the circumstances for fact-finding and mediation. If any issue cannot be resolved in this fashion, it shall be submitted to arbitration. The procedure for arbitration hereunder shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

TERMINATION OF BENEFITS

Terms and cancellation conditions of this plan are shown on the enclosed insert. Plan Benefits will cease on the date of cancellation of this plan whether the cancellation is by Group or by VSP due to non-payment of Premium. If service is being rendered to you as of the termination date of this plan, such service shall be continued to completion, but in no event beyond six (6) months after the termination date of this plan.

INDIVIDUAL CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

This program is available to groups of a minimum of ten (10) employees and is, therefore, not available on an individual basis. When a Group terminates its coverage, individual coverage is not available for Enrollees of the Group who may desire to retain their coverage.

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 available to an eligible Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available for purchase by said persons upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent COBRA applies, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

VISION SERVICE PLAN
3333 Quality Drive
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Group Name: COUNTY OF NEVADA

Plan Number: 30098899

Effective Date: JANUARY 1, 2021

Plan Term: FORTY-EIGHT (48) MONTHS

VISION CARE PLAN
DISCLOSURE FORM AND EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR: Nancy Haffey
(Name)
950 Maidu Ave
(Address)
Nevada City, CA 95959-8600
(City, State, Zip)

MONTHLY PREMIUM: YOUR GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT TO VISION SERVICE PLAN OF THE PERIODIC CHARGES FOR YOUR COVERAGE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR SHARE OF THE CHARGES, IF ANY, BY YOUR GROUP.

ELIGIBILITY: ENROLLEES & ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS: DEPENDENT CHILDREN ARE COVERED TO THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY TURN AGE 26. THE WAITING PERIOD IS THE SAME AS YOUR OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS.

PLAN AND SCHEDULE: **SIGNATURE PLAN**
EXAMINATION: ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS.
LENSES: ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS.
FRAMES: ONCE EVERY 12 MONTHS.

*A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1ST AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31ST

TERM, TERMINATION AND RENEWAL: AFTER THE PLAN TERM, THIS PLAN WILL CONTINUE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS OR UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY GIVING THE OTHER SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE.

TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION: VSP WILL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE FOLLOWING NATURE: CLAIM AND BILLING ADMINISTRATION. BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER THIS PLAN ARE SELF-INSURED BY THE EMPLOYER.

VSP'S ADDRESS IS: VISION SERVICE PLAN
3333 QUALITY DRIVE
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

GENERAL

This Schedule and any Additional Benefit Rider(s), when purchased by Group, attached hereto list the vision care services and vision care materials to which Covered Persons of VSP are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. If Plan Benefits are available for Non-Member Provider services as indicated by the reimbursement provisions below, vision care services and vision care materials may be received from any licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or dispensing optician, whether Member Doctors or Non-Member Providers.

When Plan Benefits are received from Member Doctors, benefits appearing in the first column below are applicable subject to any Copayment(s) as stated below. When Plan Benefits are available and received from Non-Member Providers, you are reimbursed for such benefits according to the schedule in the second column below less any applicable Copayment.

<u>PLAN BENEFITS</u>	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
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VISION CARE SERVICES

Vision Examination	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	50.00*
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VISION CARE MATERIALS

Lenses

Single Vision	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	50.00*
Bifocal	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	75.00*
Trifocal	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	100.00*
Lenticular	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	125.00*

Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

Standard Progressive Lenses covered in full

Frames	Covered up to \$300.00*	Up to \$	70.00*
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Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses for post PRK, LASIK, or Custom LASIK patients.

Client charge shall be determined by the then applicable wholesale/retail equivalent conversion factor.

CONTACT LENSES

Necessary

Professional Fees and Materials	Covered in Full*	Up to \$	210.00*
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Elective

Materials		Professional Fees and Materials	
Up to \$ 120.00		Up to \$	105.00
<i>Elective Contact Lens fitting and evaluation** services are covered in full once every 12 months, after a maximum \$60.00 Copayment.</i>			

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider. Prior review and approval by VSP are not required for Covered Person to be eligible for Necessary Contact Lenses.

*Subject to Copayment, if any.

LENS OPTIONS

Anti-reflective coating	Covered in full ¹	Not Covered
High Index	Covered in full	Not Covered

- 1. Less \$20.00 Copayment

***Subject to Copayment, if any.**

****15% discount applies to Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting.**

COPAYMENT

A Copayment amount of \$10.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor or Non-Member Doctor at the time services are rendered. Additionally a separate Copayment as stated in the Lens Options section of this Schedule of Benefits shall also apply.

LOW VISION

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

Supplemental Testing (includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated)	Covered in Full	Up to \$125.00
Supplemental Aids	75% of cost	75% of cost

Maximum allowable for all Low Vision benefits of \$1000.00 every two (2) years.

THIS EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE CONSTITUTES ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE VISION PLAN. THE VISION PLAN DOCUMENT MUST BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER DIABETIC EYECARE PLUS PROGRAM

GENERAL

This Rider lists additional vision care benefits to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN ("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 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 Plan or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Enrollee.
- The legal spouse of Enrollee.
- Domestic Partner.
- Any child of 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 or administrative agency 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 Covered Person 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 Covered Person to a physician.

Referrals are intended to insure that Covered Person 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 NETWORK DOCTORS**

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 Person 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 VSP 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.

ADDENDUM

EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE & DISCLOSURE FORM

Please note the following revisions to your Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form. Keep this document with your Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form for a complete and accurate description of your benefits.

1. The following provision is added to the section titled **DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY**:

Domestic Partners: Domestic partners of the same gender as the Enrollee shall be covered pursuant to the Group's eligibility rules which are applicable to the Group's general medical benefits. The domestic partner's dependent children are also covered provided they depend upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance.



Vision Care for Life

CONTINUATION COVERAGE UNDER CAL-COBRA

If you are covered under a group policy providing coverage to 2 to 19 eligible employees, you may be eligible to purchase continued coverage under this group vision plan under California Health and Safety Code Section 1366.20 et seq. (Cal-COBRA).

You may qualify for Cal-COBRA continuation coverage if you lose coverage for one of the following reasons:

- a. The death of the covered employee.
- b. The termination of employment or reduction in hours of the covered employee's employment, except that termination for gross misconduct does not constitute a qualifying event.
- c. The divorce or legal separation of the covered employee from the covered employee's spouse.
- d. The loss of dependent status by a dependent enrolled in the group benefit plan.
- e. With respect to a covered dependent only, the covered employee's entitlement to benefits under Title XVIII of the United States Social Security Act (Medicare).

As a condition of receiving benefits, you must notify VSP within 60 days of the loss of coverage for one of the foregoing reasons. **FAILURE TO NOTIFY VSP WITHIN THE REQUIRED 60 DAY PERIOD WILL DISQUALIFY YOU FROM RECEIVING CONTINUATION COVERAGE.**

You must request the continuation in writing and deliver the written request to VSP by first class mail or other reliable means of delivery within the 60 day period following the later of (1) the date your coverage under the group benefit plan terminated or will terminate by reason of a qualifying reason, or (2) the date you were sent notice from the group benefit plan or VSP of eligibility to continue coverage under Cal-COBRA.

In order to continue receiving coverage under this plan, you are responsible for making all of the required premium payments in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plan contract. The first premium payment must be made to VSP by first-class mail, certified mail or other reliable means of delivery including personal delivery, express mail, or private courier within 45 days of the date you provided written notice to VSP of your election of continuation of benefits. The first premium payment must equal an amount sufficient to pay any required premiums and all premiums due. Failure to submit the correct premium amount within the 45 day period will disqualify you from receiving continuation coverage.

Notice: If the contract between VSP and the employer is terminated prior to the date your continuation coverage would terminate pursuant to the Cal-COBRA statute, you may elect continuation coverage under the employer's subsequent group benefit plan, if any, for the balance of the period you would have remained covered under this plan. However, continuation coverage shall terminate if you fail to comply with the requirements pertaining to enrollment in and payment of premiums to the new benefit plan within 30 days of receiving notice of termination of the prior group benefit plan.

All notices to VSP must be sent to:

VISION SERVICE PLAN
Attn: COBRA Administration
3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Contact Lenses (Elective)	Includes such professional services as are necessary, which shall include: contact lens evaluation, fitting, and verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses.	Copay for exam (if applicable) would apply here. Normally ranges from \$0 - \$50 (Can be group specific)	Any amount exceeding VSP's contact lens allowance (as determined by the group).	Maximum determined by lens eligibility. Can be once every 12, 24 or 36 months (as determined by the group)	Yes	NONE							
Contact Lenses (Necessary)	Prior Authorization required. Includes such professional services as are necessary, which shall include: contact lens evaluation, fitting, and verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses.	Copay for exam and materials (lenses and frame - if applicable) would apply here Normally ranges from \$0 - \$50 (Can be group specific)	None. Covered in full for most lens types.	Maximum determined by lens eligibility. Can be once every 12, 24 or 36 months (as determined by group)	Yes	NONE							
Low Vision	If included in the plan: Prior authorization required. Includes such professional services as are necessary, which shall include: Supplemental testing Low Vision RX Evaluations Optical & non-optical aids Training Plan pays 50-75% of the approved allowable amount (maximum allowable is \$500 to \$1,000. Benefit is plan specific and can be group specific.	25-50% of the approved allowable amount (Maximum allowable is \$500 to \$1,000. Benefit is plan specific and can be group specific.)	Any amount exceeding the maximum allowable amount.	Every 2 years	No	NONE							

Summary of Benefits and Coverage
SIGNATURE PLAN

Prepared for: COUNTY OF NEVADA
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The Affordable Care Act requires that health insurance companies and group health plans provide consumers with a simple and consistent benefit and coverage information document, beginning September 23, 2012. This document is a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC).

The grid below is being provided for your convenience and mirrors the sample SBC that the U.S. Department of Labor has published. All the information provided is relative to your plan and described in detail in the preceding Evidence of Coverage.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an		Limitations and Exceptions
		In-Network Provider	Out-of-Network Provider	
If you or your dependents (if applicable) need eyecare	Eye Exam	*	Reimbursed up to \$50.00	Exam covered in full every 12 months**
	Frames, Lenses or Contacts	* Up to \$60.00 copay for Contact Lens Exam	Frames reimbursed up to \$ 70.00 SV Lenses reimbursed up to \$ 50.00 Bi-Focal Lenses reimbursed up to \$ 75.00 Tri-Focal Lenses reimbursed up to \$100.00 Lenticular Lenses reimbursed up to \$125.00 ECL reimbursed up to \$105.00	Frames covered every 12 months** Lenses covered every 12 months**
	Fees	\$10.00 Copay		

* Fees copay applies to first service used.

** Beginning with the first date of service.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to appeal or file a grievance. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact: 800-877-7195.