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# Welcome to Workplace benefits

### **Everyone deserves a Guardian**

Every day, Guardian gives 26 million Americans the security they deserve through our insurance and wealth management products and services.

We've partnered with your organization to offer you a range of employee benefits. Inside this pack, you'll find the plans your employer thinks you might benefit from.

### Know your benefits

Your benefits support your physical and financial wellbeing, to help keep you and your loved ones protected.

With Guardian, you're in good hands. We've been delivering on our promises for over 150 years, and we're looking forward to doing the same for you too.

Read through this information.

Find out more about your benefits.

Talk to your employer if you need help or have any questions.

### Your coverage options

Vision insurance Looking after your eyesight and related health issues

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This document is a summary of the major features of the insurance coverage that's been agreed to with your employer – it isn't your contract.

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Watch our video How vision insurance can help you see clearly as you get older.

# Vision insurance

Vision insurance helps protect the health of your eyes by providing coverage for benefits that often aren't covered by regular medical insurance.

Protecting your eyesight means allowing for routine visits to the optometrist for eye exams, as well as coverage for glasses and contacts. Make sure your eyes remain in great shape at any age – no matter how much time you spend staring at digital screens.

### Who is it for?

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Even if you have perfect eyesight, it's important to have regular eye exams to make sure you're still seeing clearly. Most of us may eventually need vision correction, which is why we offer vision insurance to cover some of the costs.

### What does it cover?

Vision insurance covers benefits not typically included in medical insurance plans. It covers things like routine eye exams, allowances towards the purchase of eyeglasses and contact lenses, as well as discounts on corrective Lasik surgery.

### Why should I consider it?

Regular eye exams can detect more than failing eyesight, they can also pick up diseases like glaucoma and diabetes. Vision problems are one of the most prevalent disabilities in the United States, making vision insurance especially useful for anyone who regularly needs to purchase eyeglasses or contacts, or anyone who simply wants to help protect their eyesight and general health.



### 20/20 coverage

David notices that his vision is deteriorating. He goes in for an eye exam, and is diagnosed with myopia, which means he needs glasses.

Average cost of vision exam: \$171

Average cost of frames and lenses: **\$350** 

Total cost: **\$521** 

With a Vision policy from Guardian, David pays just **\$10** for his eye exam. After **\$25** in copay, his lenses are fully covered, and he pays **\$96** for his frames.

David's total out-of-pocket expense is **\$131**, saving him **\$390**.

This example is for illustrative purposes only. Your plan's coverage may vary. See your plan's information on the following pages for specific amounts and details.

You will receive these benefits if you meet the conditions listed in the policy.

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### Your vision coverage

**Option 1:** Significant out-of-pocket savings available with your **Full Feature** plan by visiting one of Davis Vision's network locations including retail centers such as Costco<sup>®</sup>, Wal-Mart<sup>®</sup>, JCPenney<sup>®</sup>, Target<sup>®</sup>, Sam's Club<sup>®</sup>, Pearle<sup>®</sup>, Visionworks<sup>®</sup>. You can also use your network benefits online at Visionworks<sup>®</sup>.com, glasses<sup>®</sup>.com, WarbyParker<sup>®</sup>.com, or 1800contacts<sup>®</sup>.com.

Your Vision Plan	Full Feature - Designer   Davis Vision	
Your Network is		
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Exams Copay	\$ 10	
Materials Copay (waived for elective contact lenses)	\$ 20	
Sample of Covered Services	You pay (after copay if applicable):	
	In-network	Out-of-network
Eye Exams	\$0	Amount over \$50
Single Vision Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$48
Lined Bifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$67
Lined Trifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$86
Lenticular Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$126
Frames	80% of amount over \$150*2	Amount over \$48
Contact Lenses (Elective and conventional)	85% of amount over \$150*	Amount over \$105
Contact Lenses (Planned replacement and disposable)	85% of amount over \$150*	Amount over \$105
Contact Lenses (Medically Necessary)	\$0	Amount over \$210
Cosmetic Extras	Avg. 40-60% off retail price	No discounts
Glasses (Additional pair of frames and lenses)	50% at Visionworks and 30% at other in network providers	No discounts
Laser Correction Surgery Discount	Savings of 40-50% off national average price thru Davis laser vision network	No discounts
Service Frequencies		
Exams	Every calendar year	
Lenses (for glasses or contact lenses)‡‡	Every calendar year	
Frames	Every two calendar years	
Network discounts (glasses and contact lens professional service)	Applies to first purchase & courtesy discount from most providers on subsequent purchases.	
Dependent Age Limits	26	
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This is only a partial list of vision services. Your certificate of benefits will show exactly what is covered and excluded.

#### Davis

- ‡‡Benefit includes coverage for glasses or contact lenses, not both.
- Family coverage for spouse and children. The limiting age for unmarried dependents is extended to age 30 if the dependent is a resident of Illinois and has received a release or discharge, other than dishonorable discharge, from military service.



### Your vision coverage

- Contact lenses from Davis Vision's Collection are available at most private practice locations with Full Feature and Materials Only plans. Contacts from the collection are covered in full including fitting and evaluation, in excess of the plan's materials copay. Elective contacts that are not part of the Collection are covered up to the plan's elective contact lens allowance and the materials copay is waived.
- \*Additional discounts are not available at all private practice locations. Costco, Walmart, Sam's Club, glasses.com, and 1800contacts.com do not allow additional discounts.
- For Davis Vision, complete eyeglasses must be purchased at one time from one provider. For example, if a member purchases only lenses, he or she cannot purchase frames later in the same benefit period. The member is not eligible for new vision materials until the next benefit period. Only charges for an initial purchase can be used toward the material allowance. Any unused balance remaining after the initial purchase cannot be banked for future use.
- <sup>2</sup>Extra \$50 at Visionworks stores and at Visionworks.com.
- In Network Routine Retinal Screening Covered after no more than a \$39 copay.
- Members can use their in network benefits at visionworks.com, warbyparker.com, glasses.com, and 1800contacts.com. Additional discounts are not available at glasses.com or 1800contacts.com. Discounts may vary at Warby Parker.

### **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

Important Information: This policy provides vision care limited benefits health insurance only. It does not provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Insurance Department. Coverage is limited to those charges that are necessary for a routine vision examination. Co-pays apply. The plan does not pay for: orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; medical or surgical treatment of the eye; and eye examination or corrective eyewear required by an employer as a condition of employment; replacement of lenses and frames that are furnished under this plan, which are lost or broken (except at normal intervals when services are otherwise available or a warranty exists). The plan limits benefits for blended lenses, oversized lenses, photochromic lenses, tinted lenses, progressive multifocal lenses, coated or laminated lenses, a frame that exceeds plan allowance, cosmetic lenses; U-V protected lenses and optional cosmetic processes. The services, exclusions and limitations listed above do not constitute a contract and are a summary only. The Guardian plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Contract #GP-I-DAVIS-05-VIS et al.

#### Laser Correction Surgery:

In Network savings of 40-50% off national average price of traditional Lasik are available at over 1000 locations across the Davis nationwide network of laser vision correction providers

Laser surgery is not an insured benefit. The surgery is available at a discounted fee. The covered person must pay the entire discounted fee. In addition, the laser surgery discount may not be available in all states.

Guardian's Vision Insurance is underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states. Policy limitations and exclusions apply. Optional riders and/or features may incur additional costs. This policy provides vision care limited benefits health insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Plan documents are the final arbiter of coverage. Policy Form # GP-1-GVSN-17

### Employee **Assistance Program**

### We all need a little support every now and then.

Guardian's Employee Assistance Program gives you and your family members access to confidential personal support, across everything from stress management and nutrition to handling legal or financial issues.

The services available include consultations with experienced professionals, as well as access to resources and discounts designed to help you in a variety of different ways.

### How it can help

Consultative services

direct support and

assistance





Work/life assistance are available to provide that can help you save money and balance commitments

Access legal and financial assistance and resources - including WillPrep Services

#### This service is only available if you purchase qualifying lines of coverage. See your plan administrator for more details.

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<sup>1</sup>Office hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-5 p.m. PST.

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### How to access

To access the WorkLifeMatters Employee Assistance Program, you'll need a few personal details.

#### 🖳 Visit

worklife.uprisehealth.com

**Access Code** worklife

For more information or support, you can reach out by phoning **1 800 386 7055**. The team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week<sup>1</sup>.

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### Our commitment to you

Please read the documentation referenced below carefully. The notices are intended to provide you important information about our insurance offerings and to protect your interests. Certain ones are required by law.

### Important information

### Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Guardian notice stating that it complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, or actual or perceived gender identity. The notice provides contact information for filing a nondiscrimination grievance. It also provides contact information for access to free aids and services by disabled people to assist in communications with Guardian.

Visit https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice48 to read more.

### No Cost Language Services

Guardian provides language assistance in multiple languages for members who have limited English proficiency. Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice46** to read more.

### Vision insurance

#### **Guardian's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices**

The notice describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Visit **https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice50** to read more.



