

Vision Discount Program



Information Guide

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Learn ABOUT US

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois has been a leading provider of health care benefits for longer than most other insurers have been around. By focusing on its members, Blue Cross has earned a solid reputation for service and dependability.

Nationwide, about one in three Americans relies on Blue Cross for health benefits to maintain good health. As a Blue Cross member, you get an affordable health plan, as well as the resources to make the best decisions for your health.

The Vision Discount Program Advantage

An added value of your Blue Cross health benefit coverage is a vision discount program, available to you at no extra cost. You can receive discounts on eye exams and on the purchase of eyewear. Discounts can be as high as 45 percent off the purchase of frames, lenses and lens options. There is no limit to the number of times you and your eligible dependents can use the discount program.

You have access to a national network of contracting providers, including ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians, as well as optical retailers, including LensCrafters®.

There are no premiums, no deductibles, no applications and no claim forms. Simply present your Blue Cross ID card to take advantage of the savings at numerous locations. The vision discount program is administered through a contractual arrangement with EyeMed Vision Care, a company providing access to a network of more than 18,000 vision care providers nationwide — and close to 1,000 in Illinois.†

† The relationship between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and EyeMed Vision Care is solely that of independent contractors.



Discount Program

A N O V E R V I E W

Eye examinations by an ophthalmologist or optometrist

Eyeglass examination
Contact lens examination

You pay:

The doctor's fee less \$5
The doctor's fee less \$10

Frames

45% off regularly priced frames up to \$130, plus 20% off any amount more than \$130

Plastic lenses per pair*

Single vision
Bifocal
Trifocal
Lenticular

You pay:

\$35
\$55
\$90
\$90

*Lens prices are \$15 higher in AK, CA, HI, OR and WA.

Lens options

Basic polycarbonate
Tint (solid or gradient)
Ultraviolet coating
Standard anti-reflective coating
Standard progressive (add on to bifocal)
Scratch resistant coating
Other add ons and services

In addition to the lens price above, you pay:

\$35
\$12
\$12
\$45
\$45
\$15
20% off usual and customary prices

Contact lenses

Permanent (*discount on materials only*)

You pay:

15% off usual and customary prices





Provider Network

Providers in the EyeMed Vision Care network are evaluated regularly and must meet credentialing requirements that meet or exceed industry standards.

Because EyeMed Vision Care has a broad national network, you can take advantage of the savings when you are at home or away on business or vacation. Many network provider locations have convenient evening and weekend hours.

Customer Service

Specially trained customer service representatives are available when you need them, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Central time Monday through Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Simply call (866) 273-0813 for questions regarding your vision discount program or to locate a network provider. You may also visit the vision section of the Blue Cross Web site at www.bcbsil.com for general information and to link to the vision provider finder.

Easy steps to savings

1. Select a network provider. Call EyeMed customer service at (866) 273-0813 to find a convenient network provider location.

Or visit the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Web site at www.bcbsil.com, select the link to the vision information and use the network vision care provider finder. Simply enter your home or office address for a list of nearby providers.

2. After you have selected a provider, call to make an appointment.

3. When you see the network vision care provider, present your Blue Cross ID card and you'll receive the discount on your eye exam and eyewear at the time of service.

It's that easy.



Questions

F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D

[Do I need an eye exam, even if I haven't had a prescription change or don't have a vision problem?](#)

An eye exam means more than getting a prescription for lenses. It can mean early detection of serious conditions such as glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts and hypertension. *Early detection is the key for successful treatment.* Eye examinations are especially important for children. It is recommended that children receive their first eye exam from an eye care professional as early as six months of age.

[Will I save more with my vision discount program or with an eyewear coupon or other promotional offer?](#)

Most likely, your vision discount program will offer you greater savings at more network provider locations.

[What contact lenses are included in the discount program?](#)

You can receive discounts on permanent (also known as conventional) contact lenses. These are contact lenses approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and designed for ongoing wear with removal every evening prior to sleep.

[Will I need to file a claim form?](#)

No, not unless your employer has a separate vision benefit. Simply show your ID card and tell the network provider that you are a Blue Cross member and you will receive a discount at the time of purchase.





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