



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.

Your coverage options

**Vision
insurance**

Looking after your eyesight
and related health issues

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.

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Find out more about your benefits.

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

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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?

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.

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



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.



Your vision coverage

Option 1: Significant out-of-pocket savings available with your **Full Feature** plan by visiting one of VSP's network locations, including one of the largest private practice provider networks, Visionworks and contracted Pearle Vision locations.

Your Vision Plan	Full Feature	
Your Network is	VSP Choice Network	
Copay		
Exams Copay	\$ 10	
Materials Copay (waived for elective contact lenses)	\$ 20	
Sample of Covered Services	You pay (after copay if applicable):	
	<i>In-network</i>	<i>Out-of-network</i>
Eye Exams	\$0	Amount over \$39
Single Vision Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$23
Lined Bifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$37
Lined Trifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$49
Lenticular Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$64
Frames	80% of amount over \$130 ¹	Amount over \$46
Costco, Walmart and Sam's Club Frame Allowance	Amount over \$0	
Contact Lenses (Elective)	Amount over \$130	Amount over \$100
Contact Lenses (Medically Necessary)	\$0	Amount over \$210
Contact Lenses (Evaluation and fitting)	Up to \$60	Not Applicable
Cosmetic Extras	Avg. 20-25% off retail price	No discounts
Glasses (Additional pair of frames and lenses)	20% off retail price**	No discounts
Laser Correction Surgery Discount	Up to 15% off the usual charge or 5% off promotional price	No discounts
Service Frequencies		
Exams	Every calendar year	
Lenses (for glasses or contact lenses) ^{‡‡}	Every calendar year	
Frames	Every calendar year	
Network discounts (glasses and contact lens professional service)	Limitless within 12 months of exam.	
Dependent Age Limits	26	
To Find a Provider:	Register at VSP.com to find a participating provider.	

VSP

- ^{‡‡}Benefit includes coverage for glasses or contact lenses, not both.
- ** For the discount to apply your purchase must be made within 12 months of the eye exam.
- 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. The only exception would be if a member purchases contact lenses from an out of network provider, members can use the balance towards additional contact lenses within the same benefit period.
- ¹Extra \$20 on select brands



Your vision coverage

- Members can use their in network benefits on line at Eyeconic.com.
- In Network Routine Retinal Screening Covered after no more than a \$39 copay.

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-VSN-96-VIS et al.

Laser Correction Surgery:

Discounts on average of 10-20% off usual and customary charge or 5% off promotional price for vision laser Surgery. Members out-of-pocket costs are limited to \$1,800 per eye for LASIK or \$1,500 per eye for PRK or \$2300 per eye for Custom LASIK, Custom PRK, or Bladeless LASIK.

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-I-GVSN-17

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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.

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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.

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Guardian Life, P.O. Box 14319,
Lexington, KY 40512

Please print clearly and mark carefully.

Employer/Planholder Name: MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL	Group Plan Number: 00540416	Benefits Effective: _____
PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Enrollment <input type="checkbox"/> Add Employee/Member Dependents/Family Members <input type="checkbox"/> Drop/Refuse Coverage <input type="checkbox"/> Information Change		
<p>In this form, you will be referred to as an Employee/Member. Members of your family will be referred to as Dependents/Family Members. There will also be times, when referring to Dependents/Family Members, this form will distinguish between your spouse and your children. Depending on the type of plan your Planholder selected, other plan documents may refer to you as an employee, a member, or a similar term, and, to members of your family, as family members, dependents, eligible dependents, or a similar term. Please refer to the group policy, certificate of coverage, (sometimes called a member guide), to see how terms are defined and to determine which members of your family are eligible for coverage. Plan documents such as the group policy, certificate of coverage, (sometimes called a member guide), control if there is any dispute concerning the meaning of terms used in this form.</p>		

Class: MESPA EMPLOYEES	Division: _____	Subtotal Code: _____	(Please obtain this from your Employer/Planholder)
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About You: Full Legal Name-First, MI, Last Name: _____ What is the name you go by? (optional) _____	Employer/Planholder Provided Identification: _____	Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____ Your Social Security Number must be provided if enrolling for Life Coverage. Short Term Disability Coverage and/or Long Term Disability Coverage.	
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Date of Birth (mm-dd-yy): ____ - ____ - ____			
Phone (indicate primary): <input type="checkbox"/> Home (____) ____ - ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Work (____) ____ - ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile (____) ____ - ____			
E mail Address (indicate primary) <input type="checkbox"/> Home _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Work _____			
Do you have children or other dependents? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Are you married or in a civil union? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Date of marriage/civil union: ____ - ____ - ____ Placement date of adopted child: ____ - ____ - ____			

About Your Job:		Job Title: _____
Work Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> COBRA/State Continuation Hours worked per week: _____	Date of full time hire: ____ - ____ - ____	

About Your Family: Please include the names of the Dependents/Family Members you wish to enroll. You can enroll only those Dependents/Family Members that are eligible for coverage. Please refer to the plan documents such as the group policy, member guide, or certificate to determine if a Dependent/Family Member is eligible for coverage. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page with this information along with your enrollment form. Each Dependent/Family Member's Social Security Number must be provided if enrolling them for Life Coverage. Be sure to sign and date (mm-dd-yyyy) the paper and keep a copy for your records. Additional information may be required for non-standard dependents such as a niece or a nephew.			
Spouse Address/City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: () - _____	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number ____ - ____ - ____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) ____ - ____ - ____	

Child/Dependent 1: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ - _____ - _____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 2: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ - _____ - _____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 3: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ - _____ - _____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent
Child/Dependent 4: Address/City/State/Zip: Phone: () -	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Drop	Gender Identity: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy) _____ - _____ - _____	Status (check as applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (post high school) <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Non standard dependent

Drop Coverage: <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Employee/Member <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Dependents/Family Members The date of withdrawal cannot be prior to the date this form is completed and signed. Last Day of Coverage: _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Last Day Worked: _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other Event: _____ Date of Event: _____ - _____ - _____	Coverage Being Dropped: <input type="checkbox"/> Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Employee/Member <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Term Life <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Term Life
Loss Of Other Coverage: I and/or my dependents were previously covered under Loss of coverage was due to: <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Employment: _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce/Separation _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Death of Spouse _____ - _____ - _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Termination/Expiration of Coverage _____ - _____ - _____ Coverage Lost <input type="checkbox"/> Vision	I have been offered the above coverage(s) and wish to drop enrollment for the following reasons: <input type="checkbox"/> Covered under another insurance plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (additional information may be required)

Vision Coverage: You must be enrolled to cover your dependents/family members. Check only one box.		
	Employee/Member Only	Employee/Member and 1 Dependent
Full Feature	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not want this Vision coverage because (Check as applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> I am covered under another Vision plan <input type="checkbox"/> My spouse is covered under another Vision plan <input type="checkbox"/> My dependents/family members are covered under another Vision plan		

Signature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand that my dependents/family members cannot be enrolled for a coverage if I am not enrolled for that coverage. If coverage is waived and you later decide to enroll, late entrant penalties may apply. You may also have to provide, at your own expense, proof of each person's insurability. Guardian or its designee has the right to reject your request. I understand that plan design limitations and exclusions may apply. For complete details of coverage, please refer to the plan documents or enrollment materials. State limitations may apply.
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- Your coverage will not be effective until approved by a Guardian or its designated underwriter.
- I hereby apply for the group benefit(s) that I have chosen above.
- I understand that I must meet eligibility requirements for all coverages that I have chosen above.
- Submission of this form does not guarantee coverage. Among other things, coverage is contingent upon underwriting approval and meeting the applicable eligibility requirements.
- I agree that my employer/planholder may deduct premiums from my pay if they are required for the coverage I have chosen above.
- I attest that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Any person who with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statements of claim containing any materially, false information or conceals for purpose of misleading information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and may also be subject to civil penalties, or denial of insurance benefits.

The state in which you reside may have a specific state fraud warning. Please refer to the attached Fraud Warning Statements page.

NOTICE TO CONSUMER: THIS COVERAGE IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES. ALSO, THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS POLICY CANNOT BE COORDINATED WITH THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OTHER COVERAGE. PLEASE REVIEW THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS POLICY CAREFULLY TO AVOID A DUPLICATION OF COVERAGE.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE/MEMBER X _____

DATE _____

Fraud Warning Statements

The laws of several states require the following statements to appear on the enrollment form:

Alabama: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to restitution fines or confinement in prison, or any combination thereof.

California: For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

Colorado: It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policy holder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policy holder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

Delaware, Indiana and Oklahoma: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

District of Columbia: WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits, if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

Florida: Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

Kentucky: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

Louisiana and Texas: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinements in state prison.

Maryland : Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

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

New Mexico: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF A LOSS OR BENEFIT OR KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FALSE INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE IS GUILTY OF A CRIME AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL FINES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Ohio: Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

Rhode Island: Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

Virginia: Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated state law.