



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 Avesis's network locations including retail centers such as Wal-Mart®, JCPenney®, Target®, Sam's Club®, Costco®, Pearle®, America's Best®, For Eyes® and Visionworks®.

Your Vision Plan	Full Feature	
Your Network is	Avesis	
Your Semi-monthly premium	\$ 3.64	
You and 1 dependent	\$ 5.52	
You, Spouse and Child(ren)	\$ 9.71	
Copay		
Exams Copay	\$ 10	
Materials Copay (waived for elective contact lenses)	\$ 25	
Sample of Covered Services	You Pay:	
	<i>In-network</i>	<i>Out-of-network</i>
Eye Exams	\$0	Amount over \$59
Single Vision Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$30
Lined Bifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$50
Lined Trifocal Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$65
Lenticular Lenses	\$0	Amount over \$100
Frames	80% of amount over \$130	Amount over \$70
Contact Lenses (Elective)	Amount over \$130	Amount over \$120
Contact Lenses (Medically Necessary)	\$0	Amount over \$210
Contact Lenses (Evaluation and fitting)	Standard \$50; Custom \$75	No discounts
Cosmetic Extras	Up to 45% off providers UCR	No discounts
Glasses (Additional pair of frames and lenses)	Courtesy discount from most providers up to 20% off providers UCR	No discounts
Laser Correction Surgery Discount	Up to 25% off the national average	No discounts
Hearing	Savings of 30-60%	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)	Courtesy discounts from most providers up to 20% off providers UCR	
Dependent Age Limits (Non-Student/ Student)	26/30	

Visit www.Guardianlife.com and click on "Find a Provider"



Your vision coverage

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- Benefit includes coverage for glasses or contact lenses, not both.
- The contact lens allowance is applied to the cost of the contacts and the fitting and evaluation when the member utilizes an OON provider.
- 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.
- Due to lower prices being available at Walmart, Sam's Club and Costco locations, the discounts do not apply.
- Not all Pearle Vision stores are participating in network locations. Not all doctors in the retail locations are in network. Some retail locations are materials only and do not offer exams. See the directory and contact the location to ensure participation.

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. See Contract Booklet for Details

Laser Correction Surgery:

The Covered person receives up to 25 % of the national average for laser surgery.

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



College Tuition Benefit Program

Get closer to your college savings goals by earning valuable rewards that can help you pay for a loved one's tuition.

Paying for college is one of the most significant financial goals families face. That can mean decades of saving, but Guardian is able to help.

Our College Tuition Benefit Program gives you reward-based points when you sign up for a plan – these rewards can be used toward the cost of tuition.

How it works



Every reward point equals \$1 off the cost of full tuition



You'll earn 2,000 points annually, per line of qualifying Guardian coverage purchased*



Every student on your account starts with 500 reward points

Tuition Reward points can be used at over 400+ four-year undergraduate colleges and universities across the U.S. that are in the SAGE network. Plus, Guardian dental members earn an extra 2,500 points after the fourth year.

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

* Except for Guardian Davis Vision Plan Rewards, which are provided by Davis Vision. The Tuition Rewards program is provided by SAGE CTB, LLC. Guardian does not provide any services related to this program. SAGE CTB, LLC is not a subsidiary or an affiliate of Guardian. Guardian reserves the right to discontinue the College Tuition Benefit program at any time without notice. The College Tuition Benefit is not an insurance benefit and may not be available in all states. Group insurance coverage is underwritten and issued by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, New York, NY. Products are not available in all states.



How to sign up

To set up your SAGE Scholars Tuition Rewards account, you'll need a few personal details.



User ID

Your Guardian
Group Plan Number



Password

Guardian

There are two important deadlines that must be met to utilize rewards points:

1. Adding Students and Pledging

Tuition Rewards: Students must be registered by the member by August 31 of the year when the student begins 12th grade. The last day for pledging earned Tuition Rewards to a student is August 31 of the year the student begins 12th grade. This is also the last day for a student to earn any Student Tuition Rewards from any source.

2. Submitting Student Tuition Rewards to member schools:

Using the college and university list available in the member's account, the member must submit a Tuition Rewards statement to any member school(s) a registered student applies to within ten days of the application being submitted.



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.

Dental insurance



DHMO Plan and Orthodontic Schedules, Limitations and Exclusions, Fine Print

May include one or more of the following publications, depending upon plan and state: Employee out of pocket charges based on CDT codes, brief summary of limitations and exclusions applicable to the DHMO plan and important plan rules for: emergency & alternate treatment; crown, bridges & dentures; pediatric services; second surgical opinions; noble and high noble metals; general anesthesia & IV sedation; orthodontic treatment; treatment on progress; and continuity of care.

Visit <https://www.guardiananytime.com/notice792> 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.

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