

# VSP<sup>®</sup> Vision Care

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# 2015

## A Nationwide PPO Vision Plan

VSP vision plan is available nationwide and overseas.

Enrollment options for this plan:

- High Option - Self Only
- High Option - Self Plus One
- High Option - Self and Family
- Standard Option - Self Only
- Standard Option - Self Plus One
- Standard Option - Self and Family



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## Introduction

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On December 23, 2004, President George W. Bush signed the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-496). The Act directed the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish supplemental dental and vision benefit programs to be made available to Federal employees, annuitants, and their eligible family members. In response to the legislation, OPM established the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). OPM has contracted with dental and vision insurers to offer an array of choices to Federal employees and annuitants.

This brochure describes the benefits of High Option and Standard Option with Vision Service Plan (VSP) under contract OPM01-FEDVIP-01AP-14 with OPM, as authorized by the FEDVIP law. The address for our administrative office is:

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This brochure is the official statement of benefits. No oral statement can modify or otherwise affect the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of this brochure. It is your responsibility to be informed about your benefits.

If you are enrolled in this plan, you are entitled to the benefits described in this brochure. If you are enrolled in Self Plus One, you and your designated family member are entitled to these benefits. If you are enrolled in Self and Family coverage, each of your eligible family members is also entitled to these benefits, if they are also listed on the coverage. **You and your family members do not have a right to benefits that were available before January 1, 2015 unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.**

OPM negotiates benefits and rates with each carrier annually. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

VSP is responsible for the selection of doctors in their network. Visit [choosevsp.com](http://choosevsp.com) or contact us at 800-807-0764 for a list of participating doctors. Continued participation with any specific doctor cannot be guaranteed. Thus, you should choose your plan based on the benefits provided and not on a specific provider's participation. When you phone for an appointment, please remember to verify that the provider is currently in-network. You cannot change plans because of changes to the provider network.

Provider networks may be more extensive in some areas than others. We cannot guarantee the availability of every specialty in all areas. If you require the services of a specialist and one is not available in your area, please contact us for assistance.

**VSP and all other FEDVIP plans are not a part of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program.**

We want you to know that protecting the confidentiality of your individually identifiable health information is of the utmost importance to us. To review full details about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights, please visit our website, [choosevsp.com](http://choosevsp.com), and click on the "HIPAA Privacy Policy" link at the bottom of the page. If you do not have access to the internet or would like further information, please contact us by calling 800-807-0764.

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## FEDVIP Program Highlights

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<b>A Choice of Plans and Options</b>	You can select from several nationwide, and in some areas, regional dental Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) or Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) plans, and high and standard coverage options. You can also select from several nationwide vision plans. You may enroll in a dental plan or a vision plan, or both. Visit <a href="http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/dental-vision/">www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/dental-vision/</a> for more information.
<b>Enroll Through BENEFEDES</b>	You enroll through the Internet at <a href="http://www.BENEFEDES.com">www.BENEFEDES.com</a> . Please see Section 2, Enrollment, for more information.
<b>Dual Enrollment</b>	If you or one of your family members is enrolled in or covered by one FEDVIP plan, that person cannot be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another FEDVIP plan offering the same type of coverage; i.e., you (or covered family members) cannot be covered by two FEDVIP dental plans or two FEDVIP vision plans.
<b>Coverage Effective Date</b>	If you sign up for a dental and/or vision plan during the 2014 Open Season, your coverage will begin on January 1, 2015. Premium deductions will start with the first full pay period beginning on/after January 1, 2015. You may use your benefits as soon as your eligibility is confirmed.
<b>Pre-Tax Salary Deduction for Employees</b>	Employees automatically pay premiums through payroll deductions using pre-tax dollars. Annuitants automatically pay premiums through annuity deductions using post-tax dollars.
<b>Annual Enrollment Opportunity</b>	Each year, an Open Season will be held during which you may enroll or change your vision/dental plan enrollment. This year, Open Season runs from November 10, 2014 through December 8, 2014. You do not need to re-enroll each Open Season, unless you wish to change plans or plan options; your coverage will continue from the previous year. In addition to the annual Open Season, there are certain events that allow you to make specific types of enrollment changes throughout the year. Please see Section 2, Enrollment, for more information.
<b>Continued Group Coverage After Retirement</b>	Your enrollment or your eligibility to enroll may continue after retirement. You do not need to be enrolled in FEDVIP for any length of time to continue enrollment into retirement. Your family members may also be able to continue enrollment after your death. Please see Section 1, Eligibility, for more information.

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## Section 1 Eligibility

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<b>Federal Employees</b>	<p>If you are a Federal or U.S. Postal Service employee, you are eligible to enroll in FEDVIP, if you are eligible for the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program or the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange) and your position is not excluded by law or regulation. Enrollment in the FEHB Program or the Health Insurance Marketplace (Exchange) is not required.</p>
<b>Federal Annuitants</b>	<p>You are eligible to enroll if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• retired on an immediate annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) or another retirement system for employees of the Federal Government;</li><li>• retired for disability under CSRS, FERS, or another retirement system for employees of the Federal Government.</li></ul> <p>Your FEDVIP enrollment will continue into retirement if you retire on an immediate annuity or for disability under CSRS, FERS or another retirement system for employees of the Government, regardless of the length of time you had FEDVIP coverage as an employee. There is no requirement to have coverage for 5 years of service prior to retirement in order to continue coverage into retirement, as there is with the FEHB Program.</p> <p>Your FEDVIP coverage will end, if you retire on a Minimum Retirement Age (MRA) + 10 retirement and postpone receipt of your annuity. You may enroll in FEDVIP again when you begin to receive your annuity.</p>
<b>Survivor Annuitants</b>	<p>If you are a survivor of a deceased Federal/U.S. Postal Service employee or annuitant and you are receiving an annuity, you may enroll or continue the existing enrollment.</p>
<b>Compensationers</b>	<p>A compensationer is someone receiving monthly compensation from the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) due to an on-the-job injury/illness who is determined by the Secretary of Labor to be unable to return to duty. You are eligible to enroll in FEDVIP or continue FEDVIP enrollment into compensation status.</p>
<b>Family Members</b>	<p>Eligible family members include your spouse and unmarried dependent children under age 22. This includes legally adopted children and recognized natural children who meet certain dependency requirements. This also includes stepchildren (may include children of your same-sex domestic partner*) and foster children who live with you in a regular parent-child relationship. Under certain circumstances, you may also continue coverage for a disabled child 22 years of age or older who is incapable of self-support.</p> <p>FEDVIP rules and FEHB rules for family member eligibility are <b>NOT</b> the same. For more information on family member eligibility visit the website at <a href="http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/dental-vision/eligibility">www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/dental-vision/eligibility</a> or contact your employing agency or retirement system.</p> <p>* If you would marry but you live in a state that does not allow same-sex couples to marry.</p>
<b>Not Eligible</b>	<p>The following persons are not eligible to enroll in FEDVIP, regardless of FEHB eligibility or receipt of an annuity or portion of an annuity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deferred annuitants</li><li>• Former spouses of employees or annuitants</li><li>• FEHB Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) enrollees</li><li>• Anyone receiving an insurable interest annuity who is not also an eligible family member</li></ul>

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## Section 2 Enrollment

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### Enroll Through BENEFEDES

**You must use BENEFEDES to enroll or change enrollment in a FEDVIP plan. BENEFEDES is a secure enrollment website ([www.BENEFEDES.com](http://www.BENEFEDES.com)) sponsored by OPM.** If you do not have access to a computer, call 1-877-888-FEDS (1-877-888-3337), TTY number 1-877-889-5680 to enroll or change your enrollment.

**If you are currently enrolled in FEDVIP and do not want to change plans or options, your enrollment will continue automatically. Please Note:** your plans' premiums may change for 2015.

**Note:** You cannot enroll or change enrollment in a FEDVIP plan using the Health Benefits Election Form (SF 2809) or through an agency self-service system, such as Employee Express, PostalEase, EBIS, MyPay, or Employee Personal Page. However, those sites may provide a link to BENEFEDES.

### Enrollment Types

**Self Only:** A Self Only enrollment covers only you as the enrolled employee or annuitant. You may choose a Self Only enrollment even though you have a family, however, your family members will not be covered under FEDVIP.

**Self Plus One:** A Self Plus One enrollment covers you as the enrolled employee or annuitant plus one eligible family member whom you specify. You may choose a Self Plus One enrollment even though you have additional eligible family members, but the additional family members will not be covered under FEDVIP.

**Note: A Self Plus One enrollment option does not exist under the FEHB Program.**

**Self and Family:** A Self and Family enrollment covers you as the enrolled employee or annuitant and all of your eligible family members. You must list all eligible family members when enrolling.

### Dual Enrollment

If you or one of your family members is enrolled in or covered by one FEDVIP plan, that person cannot be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another FEDVIP plan offering the same type of coverage; i.e., you (or covered family members) cannot be covered by two FEDVIP dental plans or two FEDVIP vision plans.

### Opportunities to Enroll or Change Enrollment

#### ***Open Season***

If you are an eligible employee or annuitant, you may enroll in a dental and/or vision plan during the November 10 through December 8, 2014, Open Season. Coverage is effective January 1, 2015.

During future annual Open Seasons, you may enroll in a plan, or change or cancel your dental and/or vision coverage. The effective date of these Open Season enrollments and changes will be set by OPM. If you want to continue your current enrollment, do nothing. **Your enrollment carries over from year to year, unless you change it.**

#### ***New hire/Newly eligible***

You may enroll within 60 days after you become eligible as:

- a new employee;
- a previously ineligible employee who transferred to a covered position;
- a survivor annuitant if not already covered under FEDVIP;
- an employee returning to service following a break in service of at least 31 days.

Your enrollment will be effective the first day of the pay period following the one in which BENEFEDES receives and confirms your enrollment.

#### ***Qualifying Life Event***

A qualifying life event (QLE) is an event that allows you to enroll, or if you are already enrolled, allows you to change your enrollment outside of an Open Season.

The following chart lists the QLEs and the enrollment actions you may take:

<b>Qualifying Life Event</b>	<b>From Not Enrolled to Enrolled</b>	<b>Increase Enrollment Type</b>	<b>Decrease Enrollment Type</b>	<b>Cancel</b>	<b>Change from One Plan to Another</b>
<b>Marriage</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
<b>Acquiring an eligible family member (non-spouse)</b>	No	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Losing a covered family member</b>	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Losing other dental/vision coverage (eligible or covered person)</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Moving out of regional plan's service area</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Going on active military duty, non-paystatus (enrollee or spouse)</b>	No	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Returning to pay status from active military duty (enrollee or spouse)</b>	Yes	No	No	No	No
<b>Returning to pay status from Leave without pay</b>	<b>Yes (if enrollment cancelled during LWOP)</b>	No	No	No	<b>Yes (if enrollment cancelled during LWOP)</b>
<b>Annuity/compensation restored</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>Transferring to an eligible position*</b>	No	No	No	Yes	No

\*Position must be in a Federal agency that provides dental and/or vision coverage with 50 percent or more employer-paid premium.

The timeframe for requesting a QLE change is from 31 days before to 60 days after the event. There are two exceptions:

- There is no time limit for a change based on moving from a regional plan’s service area; and
- You cannot request a new enrollment based on a QLE before the QLE occurs, except for enrollment because of a loss of dental or vision insurance. You must make the change no later than 60 days after the event.

Generally, enrollments and enrollment changes made based on a QLE are effective on the first day of the pay period following the one in which BENEFEDS receives and confirms the enrollment or change. BENEFEDS will send you confirmation of your new coverage effective date.

Once you enroll in a plan, your 60-day window for that type of plan ends, even if 60 calendar days haven’t yet elapsed. That means once you have enrolled in either a dental or a vision plan, you cannot change or cancel that particular enrollment until the next Open Season, unless you experience a QLE that allows such a change or cancellation.

***Canceling an enrollment***

You may cancel your enrollment only during the annual Open Season. An eligible family member’s coverage also ends upon the effective date of the cancellation.

Your cancellation is effective at the end of the day before the date OPM sets as the Open Season effective date.

**When Coverage Stops**

Coverage ends when you:

- no longer meet the definition of an eligible employee or annuitant;
- begin a period of non-pay status or pay that is insufficient to have your FEDVIP premiums withheld and you do not make direct premium payments to BENEFEDS;
- are making direct premium payments to BENEFEDS and you stop making the payments; or
- cancel the enrollment during Open Season.

Coverage for a family member ends when:

- you as the enrollee lose coverage; or
- the family member no longer meets the definition of an eligible family member.

**Continuation of Coverage**

**Under FEDVIP, there is no 31-day extension of coverage. The following are also NOT available under the FEDVIP plans:**

- Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC);
- spouse equity coverage; or
- right to convert to an individual policy (conversion policy).

**FSAFEDS/High Deductible Health Plans and FEDVIP**

If you are planning to enroll in an FSAFEDS Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA) or Limited Expense Health Care Flexible Spending Account (LEX HCFSA),

you should consider how coverage under a FEDVIP plan will affect your annual expenses, and thus the amount that you should allot to an FSAFEDS account. Please note that insurance premiums are not eligible expenses for either type of FSA.

Because of the tax benefits an FSA provides, the IRS requires that you forfeit any money for which you did not incur an eligible expense and file a claim in the time period permitted. This is known as the “Use-it-or-Lose-it” rule. Carefully consider the amount you will elect.

Current FSAFEDS participants must re-enroll to participate in 2015. See [www.fsafeds.com](http://www.fsafeds.com) or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337) or TTY: 1-800-952-0450.

If you enroll or are enrolled in a high deductible health plan with a health savings account (HSA) or health reimbursement arrangement (HRA), you can use your HSA or HRA to pay for qualified dental/ vision costs not covered by your FEHB and FEDVIP plans.

Using your FSA pre-tax dollars for your eyecare and eyewear needs is a great way to get more out of your benefit dollar. And VSP will submit your eligible FSAFEDS out-of-pocket expenses electronically, so you don't have to.

Using your FSAFEDS account for your eyecare and eyewear expenses is simple:

- Visit your VSP doctor for your WellVision eye examination and eyewear
- Pay any out-of-pocket expenses
- VSP will submit your expenses for reimbursement for you.

If you were a VSP member last year and used your benefit, you may view your VSP Savings Statement on [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) to estimate your out-of-pocket expenses for 2015.

## Section 3 How You Obtain Benefits

**Identification Cards/  
Enrollment Confirmation**

Enroll online at [Benefeds.com](http://Benefeds.com). ID cards are not necessary to obtain services. Your eye care provider will call VSP to verify eligibility and benefits.

For members who prefer ID cards, register and sign on to [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) to print a personalized Member Reference Card.

**Where You Get Covered  
Care**

You can get covered care from any VSP network doctor or out-of-network provider. However, you will get the most out of your benefit when you use VSP's in-network doctors (plan providers), and you'll only be responsible for your co-payments at the time of your visit.

**Plan Providers**

VSP lists plan providers in the provider directory, which we update periodically. The list is available at [choosevsp.com/fad.html](http://choosevsp.com/fad.html) or you may call 800-807-0764.

**In-Network**

Make an appointment with a VSP network doctor and tell them you are a VSP member. Your doctor will confirm your eligibility with VSP. Your co-payment is due at the time of the visit.

**Out-of-Network**

You may obtain care from any licensed eye care provider. If the provider you use is not part of the VSP network, benefits will be considered out-of-network. VSP will partially reimburse services performed by out-of-network providers. Refer to the Summary of Benefits section. You must pay the bill at the time of service and submit the claim to VSP for partial reimbursement. Sign on to [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) and access the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Form and follow the instructions. If you do not have Internet access, send an itemized receipt listing the services received along with the patient's name and covered member's name and ID number to VSP. Please keep a copy of the information and mail the originals to:

**VSP**  
**Attn: Out of Network Claims**  
**P.O. Box 997105**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899-7105**

**First Payor**

When services are rendered by a provider who participates with both your FEHB and your FEDVIP plan, the FEHB plan will pay benefits first. The FEDVIP plan allowance will be the prevailing charge, in these cases. You are responsible for the difference between the FEHB and FEDVIP benefits payments and the FEDVIP plan allowance. VSP will facilitate the process with the primary FEHB first payor.

**Coordination of Benefits**

IF	THEN
<b>You</b> have vision coverage through a non-FEHB plan and VSP coverage under FEDVIP (covered through a spouse)	VSP is the primary payor and your non-FEHB plan is secondary.
If your <b>covered dependent child</b> has coverage through a non-FEHB plan and VSP coverage under FEDVIP	The parent's plan whose birthday occurs first in the calendar year (1. Month, 2. Date) is primary. If the months and dates are the same for both parents, the primary payor is the plan that has provided coverage the longest.

**Limited Access Area**

If you live in an area that does not have adequate access to a VSP network doctor and you receive covered services from an out-of-network provider, VSP will reimburse you up to the plan allowance. You are responsible for any difference between the amount billed and VSP's payment. Follow out-of-network claim submission instructions.

**Pre-Authorization**

Pre-authorization is only required for the acquisition of treatment of members affected by low vision.

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## Section 4 Your Cost for Covered Services

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This is what you will pay out-of-pocket for covered care:

**Co-payment**

A co-payment is a fixed amount of money you pay to the provider when you receive services.

Example: In the VSP High Option plan, you pay a \$10 co-pay for an exam and prescription glasses, if necessary.

**In-Network Services**

When you visit a VSP network doctor, your eye exam and prescription glasses or contacts are covered after any co-payments. You will also receive 20% savings on any out-of-pocket costs over your frame allowance and an average 20% - 25% savings on other lens enhancements. (Based on applicable laws. Benefits may vary by doctor locations. See your doctor for pricing.)

- **High Option:** \$10 total co-pay for eye exam and prescription glasses
- **Standard Option:** \$10 co-pay for eye exam and \$20 co-pay for prescription glasses

**Out-of-Network Schedule of Allowances**

When you visit an out-of-network provider, you will be reimbursed according to the following schedule:

Eye exam:	Up to \$45
Lenses:	
Single vision	Up to \$45
Lined bifocals	Up to \$65
Lined trifocals	Up to \$85
Lenticular	Up to \$125
Frames:	Up to \$47
Contact Lenses:	Up to \$105

## Section 5 Vision Services and Supplies

**Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:**

Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are necessary for the prevention, diagnosis, care, or treatment of a covered condition and meet generally accepted protocols.

Benefit Description	You Pay*	
<b>Diagnostic</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<p><b>Eye examination</b> - covered in full (once every calendar year).</p> <p>VSP doctors provide a WellVision Exam, a comprehensive exam that focuses on your eyes and overall wellness.</p>	<p>\$10</p> <p>A “total” co-pay, covering both the eye exam and prescription glasses.</p>	<p>\$10</p>
<b>Eyewear</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<b>You may choose prescription glasses or contacts.</b>		
<p><b>Lenses</b> - covered in full (once every calendar year)</p> <p>Glass or plastic single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal, lenticular lenses and popular lens enhancements</p>	<p>Nothing</p> <p>The “total” co-pay covers both the exam and prescription glasses.</p>	<p>\$20</p>
<p><b>Lens Enhancements</b> (covered in addition to base lens)</p> <p>Polycarbonate lenses (shatter-resistant)</p> <p>Scratch resistant coating</p> <p>Anti-reflective coatings</p>	<p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>UNITY® \$0</p> <p>Standard Anti-reflective \$21</p> <p>Premium Anti-reflective \$38</p> <p>Ultra-premium Anti-reflective \$49</p> <p>Custom Anti-reflective \$65</p>	<p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Nothing</p> <p>Standard Anti-reflective \$41</p> <p>Premium Anti-reflective \$58</p> <p>Ultra-premium Anti-reflective \$69</p> <p>Custom Anti-reflective \$85</p>
UV protection	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>\$16</p>
Photochromic adaptive lenses- lenses are clear indoors and darken outside	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>\$70 - \$82</p>
Standard progressive lenses	<p>Nothing</p>	<p>\$55</p>
Premium progressive lenses	<p>\$95 - \$105</p>	<p>\$95 - \$105</p>
Custom progressive lenses	<p>\$150 - \$175</p>	<p>\$150 - \$175</p>
<p><b>Frames</b> - covered once every calendar year.</p>	<p><b>\$200 allowance for featured frames</b></p> <p><b>\$150 allowance for a wide selection of frames</b></p> <p>20% savings on amount over the allowance</p>	<p><b>\$160 allowance for featured frames</b></p> <p><b>\$120 allowance for a wide selection of frames</b></p> <p>20% savings on amount over the allowance</p>

Benefit Description	You Pay*	
	High Option	Standard Option
<b>Contact Lenses</b>		
<b>Contact Lenses instead of glasses</b> (once every calendar year)	Contact Lenses: \$150 Allowance  Contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) Up to \$55 co-pay	Contact Lenses: \$120 Allowance  Contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) Up to \$55 co-pay

\*Please refer to Section 4, Your Cost for Covered Services, for the nationwide reimbursement schedule and Section 6, International Services and Supplies, for the international reimbursement schedule.

### Extra Savings\*\*

The following extra savings are only available from VSP network doctors.

#### Prescription glasses

- Average 20%-25% savings on all other lens options.
- 20% savings on additional glasses and sunglasses from any VSP doctor within 12 months of your last covered exam.

#### Contacts

- 15% savings on the cost of contact lens exam from any VSP doctor within 12 months of your last covered exam.

#### Laser vision correction

- Average 15% off the regular price or 5% off the promotional price at contracted VSP laser centers. The most you will pay is \$1,500 per eye for PRK, \$1,800 per eye for LASIK, and \$2,300 per eye for Custom LASIK. Savings only available from contracted facilities.

#### Retinal screening

- Guaranteed pricing on retinal screening as an enhancement to your WellVision Exam.

\*\*Based on applicable laws. Benefits may vary by doctor locations. See your doctor for pricing.

### Low Vision Coverage

This benefit is available for patients having vision loss sufficient enough to prevent reading, moving around in unfamiliar surroundings and completing desired tasks. Patients with low vision have visual impairments not fully treatable by medical, surgical or conventional eyewear or contact lenses. **Low vision benefits must be pre-authorized.**

#### Your low vision coverage from a VSP network doctor provides:

- Low vision exams and low vision aids, up to a \$1,000 maximum, every two years.
- Low vision supplemental testing, if approved, will be covered in full every two years. If low vision aids are approved, VSP will pay 75% of the approved amount up to a maximum of \$1,000 (less any amount paid for supplemental testing) per covered individual every two years. The patient is responsible for the remaining 25% of the approved amount plus any amount over the maximum.

If you choose to go out-of-network, you must pay the provider at the time of your appointment and submit the claims for partial reimbursement. There is no guarantee of reimbursement. If your claim is approved, you will be reimbursed up to the amount we pay a VSP network doctor. For example, if you are charged \$200 for the supplemental evaluation, your reimbursement amount would not exceed VSP's maximum payable of \$125.

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## Section 6 International Services and Supplies

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### International Claims Payment

VSP is a nationwide vision plan and therefore does not have network doctors overseas. To obtain services, visit any international eyecare provider and you will be reimbursed 75% of billed charges up to this international out-of-network schedule:

Eye Exam:	Up to \$65
Lenses:	
Single vision	Up to \$55
Lined bifocal	Up to \$75
Lined trifocal	Up to \$95
Lenticular	Up to \$125
Frame:	Up to \$120
or	or
Contact Lenses:	Up to \$105

### Finding an International Provider

Visit the international eye care provider of your choice.

### Filing International Claims

Sign on to [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) and access the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Form and follow the instructions. If you do not have Internet access, send an itemized receipt listing the services received along with the patient's name and covered member's name and ID number to VSP. Please keep a copy of the information and mail the originals to:

**VSP**  
**Attn: Out-of-Network Claims**  
**P.O. Box 997105**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899-7105**

### Customer Service Website and Phone Numbers

View your benefits and savings statement at [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) or call 800-807-0764.

### International Rates

Please refer to the Rate Information section, to view the rates. Premiums for international members are the same as nationwide members.

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## Section 7 General Exclusions – Things We Do Not Cover

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The following services and materials are not covered:

- Any vision service, treatment, or material not specifically listed as a covered service, treatment, or material;
- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing;
- Non-prescription lenses (i.e., when patient's refractive error is less than a +/- 0.50 diopter power)
- Two pairs of glasses in lieu of bifocals;
- Expenses associated with securing materials such as lenses and frames other than as specified in this brochure;
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes;
- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this program, except at the normal intervals when services are available.

Items not covered under the contact lens coverage include:

- Corneal Refractive Therapy (CRT) or Orthokeratology (a procedure using contact lenses to change the shape of the cornea in order to reduce myopia);
- Replacement of lost or damaged lenses;
- Insurance policies or service agreements;
- Non-prescription lenses (i.e., when patient's refractive error is less than a +/- 0.50 diopter power);
- Artistically painted lenses;
- Additional office visits associated with contact lens pathology;
- Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.

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## Section 8 Claims Filing and Disputed Claims Processes

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### How to File a Claim for Covered Services

When you visit a VSP network doctor, you do not complete any paperwork or claim forms. VSP doctors verify your eligibility, plan coverage and obtain authorization from VSP.

If you decide not to see a VSP doctor, call 800-807-0764. You are required to pay the provider in full at the time of your appointment and submit a claim for reimbursement.

Sign on to [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) and access the Out-of-Network Reimbursement Form and follow the instructions. If you do not have Internet access, send an itemized receipt listing the services received along with the patient's name and covered member's name and ID number to VSP. Please keep a copy of the information and mail the originals to:

**VSP**  
**Attn: Out-of-Network Claims**  
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**Sacramento, CA 95899-7105**

### Deadline for Filing Your Claim

Out-of-network claims must be submitted to VSP within six months for reimbursement.

### Disputed Claims Process

Follow this disputed claims process if you disagree with our decision on your claim or request for services. **The FEDVIP law does not provide a role for OPM to review disputed claims.**

#### Disputed Claim Steps:

1. In order to reconsider our initial decision. You must:

- Contact Member Service Department at 800-807-0764 to request an appeal, or
- Submit the appeal of this decision in writing to VSP within 180 days from the date of the letter. Please include a copy of the claim, as well as any comments that you would like to have considered. Mail your appeal to:

**VSP**  
**Attn: Complaint & Grievance Unit**  
**P.O. Box 997100**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899**

2. VSP has 30 days from the date it receives your request to resolve the complaint and send the resolution to you.

3. If the dispute is not resolved through the reconsideration process, you may request a review of the denial. You must:

- Contact Member Service Department at 800-807-0764 to request an appeal, or
- Submit the appeal of this decision in writing to VSP within 180 days from the date of the letter. Please include a copy of the claim, as well as any comments that you would like to have considered. Mail your appeal to:

**VSP**  
**Attn: Complaint & Grievance Unit**  
**P.O. Box 997100**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899**

4. If you do not agree with the final decision, you may request an independent third party, mutually agreed upon by VSP and OPM, to review the decision.

The decision of the independent third party is binding and is the final review of your claim. This decision is not subject to judicial review.

To initiate this process, you must submit the request for independent review to VSP, which has contracted with multiple, independent review organizations (IRO) that are fully accredited by URAC (a not-for-profit entity originally known as the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission).

**VSP**  
**Attn: Complaint & Grievance Unit**  
**P.O. Box 997100**  
**Sacramento, CA 95899**

You will be timely notified of the IRO decision.

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## Section 9 Definitions of Terms We Use in This Brochure

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<b>Annuitants</b>	Federal retirees (who retired on an immediate annuity), and survivors (of those who retired on an immediate annuity or died in service) receiving an annuity. This also includes those receiving compensation from the Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, who are called compensationers. Annuitants are sometimes called retirees.
<b>BENEFEDS</b>	The enrollment and premium administration system for FEDVIP.
<b>Benefits</b>	Covered services or payment for covered services to which enrollees and covered family members are entitled to the extent provided by this brochure.
<b>Enrollee</b>	The Federal employee or annuitant enrolled in this plan.
<b>FEDVIP</b>	Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.
<b>Plan Allowance</b>	The amount VSP uses to determine payment for covered services. If you choose to see an out-of-network provider due to not having access to at least one VSP doctor within 15 miles in urban areas or one VSP doctor within 35 miles in rural areas, the plan allowance is based on the 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile of the VSP doctor's usual and customary fees. You are responsible for any difference between the amount billed and VSP's payment.
<b>Pre-Authorization</b>	This is the procedure used by the plan to pre-approve services and the amount that the plan will cover.
<b>We/Us</b>	VSP.
<b>You</b>	Enrollee or eligible family member.

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## Stop Health Care Fraud!

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Fraud increases the cost of health care for everyone and increases your Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program premium.

**Protect Yourself From Fraud** – Here are some things that you can do to prevent fraud:

- Do not give your plan identification (ID) number over the telephone or to people you do not know, except to your providers, plan, BENEFEDS, or OPM.
- Let only the appropriate providers review your clinical record or recommend services.
- Avoid using providers who say that an item or service is not usually covered, but they know how to bill us to get it paid.
- Carefully review your VSP Savings Statement, which is available online at [vsp.com](http://vsp.com).
- Do not ask your provider to make false entries on certificates, bills or records in order to get us to pay for an item or service.
- If you suspect that a provider has charged you for services you did not receive, billed you twice for the same service, or misrepresented any information, do the following:
  - Call the provider and ask for an explanation. There may be an error.
  - If the provider does not resolve the matter, call us at **the VSP Fraud Watch Hotline at 800-877-7236 or via e-mail at [contactSIU@VSP.com](mailto:contactSIU@VSP.com)**.
- Do not maintain as a family member on your policy:
  - Your former spouse after a divorce decree or annulment is final (even if a court order stipulates otherwise); or
  - Your child over age 22 (unless he/she is disabled and incapable of self-support).

If you have any questions about the eligibility of a dependent, please contact BENEFEDS.

Be sure to review Section 1, Eligibility, of this brochure prior to submitting your enrollment or obtaining benefits.

**Fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact is prohibited under the Plan. You can be prosecuted for fraud and your agency may take action against you if you falsify a claim to obtain FEDVIP benefits or try to obtain services for someone who is not an eligible family member or who is no longer enrolled in the plan, or enroll in the plan when you are no longer eligible.**

## Summary of Benefits

- **Do not rely on this chart alone.** This page summarizes specific expenses VSP covers; please review the individual sections of this brochure for more detail.
- If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this plan, please visit [BENEFEDS.com](http://BENEFEDS.com) or call 877-888-FEDS (877-888-3337), TTY number 877-889-5680.

High Option Benefits	You Pay	
	In-Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Eye Exam</b> – VSP WellVision Exam, a comprehensive exam that focuses on your eyes and overall wellness.	\$10 total co-pay for exam and glasses	Reimbursed up to \$45 International* up to \$65
<b>Prescription Eyewear</b>		
<b>Lenses</b> – Glass or plastic single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal and lenticular lenses. Popular lens enhancements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polycarbonate lenses (shatter resistant)</li> <li>• Scratch resistant coating</li> <li>• UNITY<sup>®</sup> anti-reflective coating</li> <li>• Other anti-reflective coatings</li> <li>• Tints</li> <li>• UV protection</li> <li>• Photochromic adaptive lenses - lenses are clear indoors and darken outside</li> <li>• Standard progressive lenses</li> <li>• Premium progressive lenses</li> <li>• Custom progressive lenses</li> </ul>	\$10 co-pay for exam and glasses  \$0 \$0 \$0 \$21 - \$65 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$95-\$105 \$150-\$175	<b>Reimbursed up to:</b> Single vision \$45 Lined bifocal \$65 Lined trifocal \$85 Lenticular \$125  <b>International* up to:</b> Single vision \$55 Lined bifocal \$75 Lined trifocal \$95 Lenticular \$125
<b>Featured Frame Brands -</b>	Covered up to \$200	Reimbursed up to \$47
<b>All other frames</b>	Covered up to \$150	International* up to \$120
<b>Contact Lenses and Contact Lens Services (instead of glasses)</b>  When you choose contacts instead of glasses, your \$150 allowance applies to the cost of the contacts and the contact lens exam.	\$150 allowance for contacts,  Contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) Up to \$55 co-pay	Reimbursed up to \$105  International* up to \$105
<b>Extra Savings**</b>  Prescription glasses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 20%-25% savings on all other lens options</li> <li>• 20% savings on additional glasses and sunglasses from any VSP doctor within 12 months of your last covered exam</li> </ul> Contacts	Available	Not available

*High Option Benefits - continued on next page*

<b>High Option Benefits (cont.)</b>	<b>You Pay</b>	
	<b>In-Network</b>	<b>Out-of-Network</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15% savings on the cost of contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation)</li> </ul> <p>Laser vision correction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 15% off the regular price or 5% off the promotional price at contracted VSP laser centers; savings only available from contracted facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Retinal screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaranteed pricing on retinal screening as an enhancement to your WellVision Exam.</li> </ul> <p>**Based on applicable laws. Benefits may vary by doctor location. See your doctor for pricing.</p>	Available	Not available
<p><b>Low Vision Coverage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low vision exams and low vision aids, every two years</li> </ul> <p>Low vision benefits must be pre-authorized. If approved, covered every two years</p>	Up to \$1,000 maximum	You must pay the provider at the time of visit and submit claims to VSP for partial reimbursement. If your claim is approved, you will be reimbursed up to the maximum payable to a VSP doctor.

*\*International Out-of-Network is reimbursed 75% of billed charges up to scheduled amounts.*

Standard Option Benefits	You Pay	
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<b>Prescription Eyewear</b>		
<b>Lenses</b> - Glass or plastic single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal and lenticular lenses and popular lens enhancements, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polycarbonate lenses (shatter-resistant)</li> <li>• Scratch-resistant coating</li> <li>• Standard progressive lenses</li> <li>• Premium progressive lenses</li> <li>• Custom progressive lenses</li> </ul>	\$20 co-pay for lenses and frame  \$0 \$0 \$55 \$95-\$105 \$150-\$175	<b>Reimbursed up to:</b> Single Vision - \$45 Lined bifocal - \$65 Lined trifocal - \$85 Lenticular - \$125 <b>International* up to:</b> Single Vision - \$55 Lined bifocal - \$75 Lined trifocal - \$95 Lenticular - \$125
<b>Featured Frame Brands -</b>	Covered up to \$160	Reimbursed up to \$47
<b>All other frames</b>	Covered up to \$120	International* up to \$120
<b>Contact Lenses and Contact Lens Services (instead of glasses)</b>	Covered up to \$120  Contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) Up to \$55 co-pay	Reimbursed up to \$105  International* up to \$105
<b>Extra Savings**</b>  Prescription glasses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 20%-25% savings on all other lens options</li> <li>• 20% savings on additional glasses and sunglasses from any VSP doctor within 12 months of your last covered eye exam</li> </ul> Contact lens care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15% savings on the cost of contact lens exam</li> </ul> Laser vision correction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 15% off the regular price or 5% off the promotional price at contracted VSP laser centers; savings only available from contracted facilities.</li> </ul> Retinal screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guaranteed pricing on retinal screening as an enhancement to your WellVision Exam</li> </ul> **Based on applicable laws. Benefits may vary by doctor location. See your doctor for pricing.	Available	Not Available

Standard Option Benefits - continued on next page

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## Rate Information

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VSP is a nationwide vision plan that does not require rating regions. The following are nationwide and international rates.

### Monthly Rates

Enrollment Type	High Option	Standard Option
Self Only	\$13.74	\$7.95
Self Plus One	\$27.50	\$15.88
Self and Family	\$41.25	\$23.86

### Bi-weekly Rates

Enrollment Type	High Option	Standard Option
Self Only	\$6.34	\$3.67
Self Plus One	\$12.69	\$7.33
Self and Family	\$19.04	\$11.01