

Client Vision Care Plan



Client Name: BROWN UNIVERSITY
Client Number: 30036187
Effective Date: JANUARY 1, 2024

EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

Provided by:

VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
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Notice to Client: In the event this document is used to develop a Summary Plan Description, complete the information below, as applicable.

NAME OF CLIENT:

NAME OF PLAN:

PRIMARY ADDRESS OF CLIENT:

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

This Evidence of Coverage is a summary of the Policy provisions and is presented as a matter of general information only. It is not a substitute for the provisions of the Policy itself. In the event of any dispute between this Evidence of Coverage and the Policy, the provisions of the Policy will prevail. A copy of the Policy will be furnished on request. If any changes are made to this document by anyone other than VSP, VSP disclaims responsibility for such changes and cannot guarantee this document will comply with any statutory requirements including but not limited to ERISA.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

Enrollees: To be covered, a person must currently be an employee or member of the Client, and meet the coverage criteria established by Client.

Eligible Dependents: Any dependent of an Enrollee of Client who meets the eligibility criteria established by Client, if such dependent coverage is provided.

HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

VSP provides Plan Benefits to Covered Persons based on the level of coverage purchased by the Client. Refer to the Schedule of Benefits or Supplemental Benefits (if applicable) for specific Plan Benefits.

1. Contact VSP to obtain a list of participating providers, and/or to view available benefits, (see below for contact information).

2. Contact a VSP Network Provider's office to schedule an appointment and indicate that Covered Person is a VSP member. Should Covered Persons fail to identify themselves as VSP members, Plan Benefits shall be limited to those of an Open Access Provider, if such Plan Benefits are available.

3. Once the appointment is made, the VSP Network Provider will obtain benefit verification from VSP. The VSP Network Provider will bill VSP directly and the Covered Person is responsible for payment of any applicable Copayments, non-covered services or materials, or amounts which exceed plan allowances, and annual maximum benefits.

4. If the Policy includes Plan Benefits for Open Access Providers, Covered Person may be responsible for paying for all services and/or materials in full and submitting a claim to VSP. All reimbursement will be in accordance with the Open Access Provider fee schedule, less any applicable Copayment. Obtaining services from an Open Access Provider will typically result in higher out of pocket expenses for Covered Persons. All claims must be submitted to VSP within [365] calendar days from the date services are rendered and/or materials provided. Claims received by VSP after [365] days will be denied unless prohibited by applicable state or federal law.

TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact VSP at 800-877-7195 or www.vsp.com.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

This Plan is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials.

Some vision care services and/or materials are not covered under this Plan and certain other limitations may apply. Please refer to the EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS section of the attached Schedule of Benefits and/or Supplemental Benefits (when purchased by Client) for details.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Covered Persons who are covered under two or more insurance plans that include vision care benefits may be eligible for Coordination of Benefits ("COB"). VSP will combine other insurance plans' claim payments or reimbursements, if any, with benefits available under Covered Person's VSP Plan, which may reduce or eliminate Covered Person's out-of-pocket expense. Covered Persons covered under more than one VSP Plan may also be able to take advantage of COB. In order to process claims involving COB, VSP may need to share personal information regarding Covered Persons with other parties (such as another insurance company). When this is necessary, VSP will only share such information with those persons or organizations having a legitimate interest in that information and only where such sharing is not prohibited by law.

URGENT VISION CARE

Services for conditions of a medical nature are covered by VSP only to the extent that services are specifically set forth in Supplemental Benefits. When vision care is necessary for Urgent Conditions, Covered Persons may obtain Plan Benefits by contacting a VSP Network Provider or Open Access Provider. No prior approval from VSP is required for the Covered Person to obtain vision care for Urgent Conditions of a medical nature. If Client has not purchased, for conditions of a medical nature, Covered Persons are not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Persons' medical insurance plan for care.

HOLD HARMLESS

Covered Persons shall be held harmless for any sums owed by VSP to the VSP Network Provider, other than those sums not covered by the Plan.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Covered Persons have the right to expect quality care from VSP Network Providers. More information is available under "Patient's Rights and Responsibilities" on VSP's web site at www.vsp.com. Complaints and grievances are disagreements regarding access to care, quality of care, treatment or service. Covered Persons may submit any complaints and/or grievances, including appeals, in writing to VSP at 3333 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-7985 or verbally by calling VSP's Customer Care Division at 1-800-877-7195. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt, unless special circumstances require an extension of time. In that case, resolution shall be achieved as soon as possible, but not later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after VSP's receipt of the complaint or grievance. If VSP determines that resolution cannot be achieved within thirty (30) days, VSP will notify the Covered Person of the expected resolution date. Upon final resolution VSP will notify the Covered Person of the outcome in writing.

CLAIM PAYMENTS AND DENIALS

Initial Determination: VSP will pay or deny claims within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. In the event that a claim cannot be resolved within the time indicated VSP may, if necessary, extend the time for decision by no more than fifteen (15) calendar days.

Claim Denial Appeals: If a claim is denied in whole or in part, under the terms of the Policy, Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative may submit a request for a full review of the denial. Covered Person may designate any person, including their provider, as their authorized representative. References in this section to "Covered Person" include Covered Person's authorized representative, where applicable.

The request for review must be made within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following denial of a claim and should contain sufficient information to identify the claim and the Covered Person affected by the denial. The Covered Person may review, during normal working hours, any documents held by VSP pertinent to the denial. The Covered Person may also submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning the claim to assist in VSP's review. VSP's response to the initial appeal, including specific reasons for the decision, shall be provided and communicated to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a request for an appeal of a pre-service denial. After receiving Covered Person's appeal for a post-service denial, VSP will render a decision within 60 calendar days. If Covered Person appeals an administrative denial of urgent care, VSP will render a decision within 72 hours.

Mail or call VSP to file your appeal:

VSP Appeals
P.O. Box 2350
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
1-800-877-7195

If you require assistance in filing an appeal or are not satisfied with the appeal outcome, you may contact: The Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner's Consumer Assistance Program:

Rhode Island Insurance Resource, Education, and Assistance Consumer Helpline (RIREACH)
1210 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI 02920
Toll Free Tel: (855) 747-3224
www.rireach.org

VSP shall communicate its final determination to Covered Person in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

Other Remedies: Additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation or arbitration. Covered Person may contact the U. S. Department of Labor or the State insurance regulatory agency for details. Additionally, under the provisions of ERISA (Section 502(a) (1) (B) [29 U.S.C. 1132(a) (1) (B)], Covered Person has the right to bring a civil action when all available levels of reviews, including the appeal process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

Time of Action: No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Policy prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her grievance rights under the Policy and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim and any applicable documentation have been filed with VSP. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, in accordance with the terms of the Policy.

INDIVIDUAL CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

In the event this Plan is terminated, VSP coverage may be available for individuals to purchase online www.vsp.com.

THE CONSOLIDATED OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1985 (COBRA)

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requires that under certain circumstances health plan benefits be made available to eligible participants and their dependents upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent, COBRA applies to Covered Person's Plan, VSP shall make the statutorily required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

DEFINITIONS:

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS	A written order signed by a Covered Person eighteen (18) years of age or older and included with each claim, directing VSP to pay available Plan Benefits to a named Open Access Provider.
CLIENT	An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under the Policy in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents, if such dependent coverage is provided.
COORDINATION OF BENEFITS	Procedure which allows more than one insurance plan to consider Covered Persons' vision care claims for payment or reimbursement.
COPAYMENTS	Those amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered, and which are payable at the time services are rendered or materials ordered.
COVERED PERSON	An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets Client's eligibility criteria and on whose behalf premiums have been paid to VSP, and who is covered under the Plan.
ENROLLEE	An employee or member of Client who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Client.
PLAN OR PLAN BENEFITS	The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under the Policy, as defined in the attached Schedule of Benefits and Supplemental Benefits (when purchased by Client).
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDER	Any optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons of VSP. An Open Access Provider is also known as an out of network provider.
PLAN ADMINISTRATOR	The person specifically so designated on the Client application, or if an administrator is not so designated, the Client. The Plan Administrator shall have authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan on behalf of the Client.
POLICY	The contract between VSP and Client upon which this Plan is based.
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS	The document(s), attached as Exhibit A to the Client Policy maintained by the Plan Administrator and to this Evidence of Coverage, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Plan.
SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS	The Section, included in the Client Policy maintained by the Plan Administrator, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Plan.
VSP NETWORK PROVIDER	An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to Plan Benefits on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.
URGENT CARE	Services for a condition with sudden onset and acute symptoms which requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence requiring immediate, non-medical, action.

EXHIBIT A

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS VSP Choice Plan®

GENERAL

This Schedule of Benefits lists the vision care services and materials to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY("VSP") are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein, and forms a part of the Policy or Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

VSP Network Providers are those doctors that have agreed to participate in VSP's Choice Network.

BENEFIT PERIOD

A twelve-month period beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are Covered Persons under this Plan, pursuant to eligibility criteria established by Client:

- Enrollee
- Legal Spouse of Enrollee
- Domestic Partner
- Any child of Enrollee, including natural child from the date of birth, legally adopted child from the date of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court or administrative agency holds the Enrollee responsible.

Dependent children are covered up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

A dependent, unmarried child over the limiting age may continue to be eligible as a dependent if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and chiefly dependent upon Enrollee for support and maintenance.

PLAN BENEFITS

VSP NETWORK PROVIDERS

COPAYMENT

There shall be no Copayment for the examination. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be a Copayment of \$25.00 payable at the time the materials are ordered.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION- Covered in full* once every 12 months**

Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

LENSES - Covered in full* once every 12 months**

Spectacle Lenses (Single, Lined Bifocal, Lined Trifocal or Lenticular)

Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

Standard Progressive Lenses covered in full.

FRAMES - Covered up to the Plan allowance* once every 24 months**

The VSP Network Provider will prescribe and order Covered Person's lenses, verify the accuracy of finished lenses, and assist Covered Person with frame selection and adjustment.

CONTACT LENSES

ELECTIVE

Elective Contact Lenses (materials only) are covered up to \$200.00 once every 12 months**

The Elective Contact Lens fitting and evaluation services are covered in full once every 12 months, after a \$60.00 Copayment.

NECESSARY

Necessary Contact Lenses are covered in full* once every 12 months**

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's VSP Network Provider.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

** beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems that cannot be corrected with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing: Covered in full*.

-Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Aids: 75% of VSP Network Provider's fee, up to \$1000.00*

*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.

Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's VSP Network Provider.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

Some brands of spectacle frames and/or lenses may be unavailable for purchase as Plan Benefits, or may be subject to additional limitations. Covered Persons may obtain details regarding frame and lens brand availability from their VSP Network Provider or by calling VSP's Customer Care Division at (800) 877-7195.

NOT COVERED

- Services and/or materials not specifically included in this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits.
- Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than $\pm .50$ diopter), except as specifically allowed under the Suncare enhancement, if purchased by Client.
- Two pair of glasses instead of bifocals.
- Replacement of lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this Plan which are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when Plan Benefits are otherwise available.
- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Contact lens insurance policies or service agreements.
- Refitting of contact lenses after the initial (90-day) fitting period.
- Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
- Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where VSP is required by law to pay.
- Services associated with Corneal Refractive Therapy (CRT) or Orthokeratology

**REIMBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS**

COPAYMENT

There shall be no Copayment for the examination. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be a Copayment of \$25.00 payable at the time the materials are ordered.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

EYE EXAMINATION: Up to \$ 45.00* once every 12 months**

Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

LENSES - Up to \$ 30.00 - 100.00 once every 12 months**

Spectacle Lenses (Single, Lined Bifocal, Lined Trifocal or Lenticular) including Lens Enhancements (if purchased by Client).

FRAMES: Covered up to \$ 70.00* once every 24 months**

CONTACT LENSES

ELECTIVE

Elective Contact Lenses are covered up to \$105.00 once every 12 months**

NECESSARY

Necessary Contact Lenses are covered up to \$210.00* once every 12 months**

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.

Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

**beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems that cannot be corrected with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing: Up to \$125.00*.

-Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Aids: 75% of Open Access Provider's fee, up to \$1000.00*

*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.

Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's VSP Network Provider.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

OPEN ACCESS PROVIDERS

- Exclusions and limitations of benefits described above for VSP Network Providers shall also apply to services rendered by Open Access Providers.
- Services from an Open Access Provider are in lieu of services from a VSP Network Provider.
- There is no guarantee that the amount reimbursed will be sufficient to pay the cost of services or materials in full.
- VSP is unable to require Open Access Providers to adhere to VSP's quality standards.

ADDENDUM

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER SUPPLEMENTAL ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EYE CARE

GENERAL

This Rider lists additional vision care benefits to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY ("VSP") are entitled, subject to any applicable Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. The Supplemental Essential Medical Eye Care benefit is designed for the detection, treatment and management of ocular conditions and/or systemic conditions which produce ocular or visual symptoms. Under the benefit, eye care professionals provide treatment and services for urgent ocular emergencies as well as the management of chronic systemic diseases that manifest in the eyes. This Rider forms a part of the Policy and Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are Covered Persons under this Plan, pursuant to eligibility criteria established by Client:

- Enrollee
- Legal Spouse of Enrollee
- Domestic Partner
- Any child of Enrollee, including a natural child from date of birth, legally adopted child from the date of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court or administrative agency holds the Enrollee responsible.

Dependent children are covered up to the end of the month in which they turn age 26.

A dependent, unmarried child over the limiting age may continue to be eligible as a dependent if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and chiefly dependent upon Enrollee for support and maintenance.

Essential Medical Eye Care benefits are available to Covered Persons only after covered benefits under their group medical plan have been exhausted, or when Covered Person is not covered under a group medical plan.

Covered benefits include specific medical eye care procedure codes when appropriate for the optometric scope of licensure as well as the current laws, rules and regulations as determined by the State and Federal Government.

OBTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EYE CARE SERVICES

COVERED PERSON HAS A GROUP MEDICAL PLAN

Supplemental Essential Medical Eye Care provides coverage for certain vision-related medical services as a supplement to Covered Person's group medical plan. Covered Persons should refer to the plan booklet, certificate of coverage or other benefits description for their group medical plan to determine available benefits and how to obtain medical plan benefits.

The eye care provider should first submit a claim to Covered Person's group medical plan when participating in the medical plan's network. Any amounts not paid by the primary medical plan may then be considered for payment by VSP. This process is referred to as Coordination of Benefits ("COB."). Please refer to the Coordination of Benefits section of Covered Person's Evidence of Coverage for additional information regarding COB.

COVERED PERSON DOES NOT HAVE A GROUP MEDICAL PLAN

When Covered Person does not have a group medical plan, or when a VSP Preferred Provider does not participate with Covered Person's group medical plan, the Supplemental Essential Medical Eye Care provides plan benefits as follows:

1. Covered Person contacts Member Doctor and makes an appointment.
2. Covered Person pays the applicable Copayment at the time Supplemental Essential Medical Eye Care services are rendered and amounts for any additional services not covered by the Plan.

PLAN BENEFITS
VSP NETWORK PROVIDERS

COVERED SERVICES

Medical Eye Examinations: Covered in Full after a Copayment of \$20.00.

Urgent/Emergency Care* and Special Ophthalmological Services:** Covered in Full

*Urgent/Emergency Care refers to VSP covered services for an emergency medical eye condition including, but not limited to eye infections, foreign body and abrasions, ocular injuries, and chemical exposure to the eye or eyelid.

**Special Ophthalmological Services refer to eye care services that are problem-focused and involve medical decision-making. Special ophthalmological services go beyond general services and relate to the diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, and management of ocular conditions.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

Supplemental Essential Medical Eye Care provides coverage for certain vision-related medical services as a supplement to Covered Person's group medical plan. A current list of the covered procedures will be made available to the Client upon request.

NOT COVERED

1. Eyeglasses or contact lenses.
2. General anesthesia surgical procedures.
3. Preoperative or postoperative surgical procedures.
4. Inpatient hospital services.
5. Services provided for refractive diagnoses that are part of the Covered Person's routine vision care coverage.
6. Prescription medication or supplies of any type.
7. Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where VSP is required by law to pay.
8. Services and/or materials not specifically included in this Rider as covered Plan Benefits.

Summary of Benefits and Coverage
VSP Choice Plan

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The Affordable Care Act requires that health insurance companies and group health plans provide consumers with a simple and consistent benefit and coverage information document, beginning September 23, 2012. This document is a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC).

The grid below is being provided for your convenience and mirrors the sample SBC that the U.S. Department of Labor has published. All the information provided is relative to your plan and described in detail in the preceding Evidence of Coverage.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an		Limitations and Exceptions
		In-Network Provider	Out-of-Network Provider	
If you or your dependents (if applicable) need eyecare	Eye Exam	No Copay	Reimbursed up to \$45.00	Exam covered in full every 12 months**
	Frames, Lenses or Contacts	Glasses: \$25.00 Copay (lenses and/or frames only); Up to \$60.00 copay for Contact Lens Exam	Frames reimbursed up to \$ 70.00 SV Lenses reimbursed up to \$ 30.00 Bi-Focal Lenses reimbursed up to \$ 50.00 Tri-Focal Lenses reimbursed up to \$ 65.00 Lenticular Lenses reimbursed up to \$100.00 ECL reimbursed up to \$105.00	Frames covered every 24 months** Lenses covered every 12 months**
	Fees			

** Beginning with the first day of the Benefit Period.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to appeal or file a grievance. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact: 800-877-7195.