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Benefits - Vision Care Program

State Vision Program:

A Vision Care Program offers employees in permanent positions (full-time and part-time), retirees, survivors and COBRA subscribers, and their dependents, discounted vision care services. You do not have to subscribe to the State Health Plan or HMO to take advantage of this program, because it is not associated with any state health coverage. Participating ophthalmologists and optometrists throughout the state have agreed to charge no more than \$60 for a routine, comprehensive eye examination.

If you are fitted for contact lenses, you may have to pay additional charges, because the fitting of contacts can require additional services. Participating providers, which also include opticians, have agreed to give a 20 percent discount on all eyewear. The discount does not apply to disposable contact lenses. There are no claims to file and no reimbursement of fees. Participant providers are listed in the Vision Care Program Directory available on the EIP Web site at www.eip.sc.gov. If you participate in the Moneyplus Medical Spending Account, you can file a claim with Moneyplus to be reimbursed for your vision expense with pretax money you have set aside.

You may be required to show your provider some type of state-related identification to prove your eligibility.

Blue Choice (formerly known as Companion)

Plan pays for one (1) annual eye exam and one (1) annual contact lens exam with contracting providers. Plan pays for one (1) pair of eyewear every two (2) years.

MUSC Options:

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Laser Correction Eye Surgery:

Cost information about Laser Correction can be obtained from your Benefits Coordinator at 953-5376.