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## Blue Shield of California Life & Health Insurance Company Summary of Benefits

## **Basic Vision for Small Business 10/25/150**

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Services under this Blue Shield of California Life & Health Insurance Company (Blue Shield Life) Plan. It is only a summary and it is included as part of the Certificate of Insurance (COI).<sup>1</sup> Please read both documents carefully for details.

#### **Provider Network:**

This Plan uses a contracted network of vision care providers. Providers in this network are called Participating Providers. You pay less for Covered Services when you use a Participating Provider than when you use a Non-Participating Provider. You can find Participating Providers in this network at <u>blueshieldca.com</u>.

#### **Benefit Frequency Limits**

This Plan pays up to the Allowance and frequency limits as listed for Covered Services.

Comprehensive exam	One every 12 consecutive months	
Eyeglass lenses or contact lenses	Once every 24 consecutive months	
Eyeglass frame	One every 24 consecutive months	
Low vision testing	One every 24 consecutive months	

### **Waiting Period**

A waiting period is the length of time you must be covered under the Plan before Blue Shield Life will pay for Covered Services.

#### No Deductible

Under this Plan there is no dollar amount an Insured must pay before Blue Shield Life will pay for Covered Services.

#### No Lifetime Dollar Limit

Under this Plan there is no dollar limit on the total amount Blue Shield Life will pay for Covered Services in an Insured's lifetime.

**Group Vision Plan** 

#### When using a When using a Non-Participating Provider<sup>3</sup> Participating Provider<sup>4</sup> Eye examinations Comprehensive exam One per Insured every 12 months. Ophthalmologic visit \$10 All charges above \$60 Optometric visit \$10 All charges above \$60 **Retinal Imaging** \$39 Not covered One per Insured every 12 months by a Participating Provider. Standard contact lens fitting and evaluation Not covered Not covered One per Insured every 12 months by a Participating Provider. Eyewear/Materials \$25 plus all charges Eyeglass frame All charges above \$100 above \$150 One per Insured every 24 months. \$25 plus all charges Plano (non-prescription) sunglasses All charges above \$100 above \$150 One per Insured every 24 months instead of an eyeglass frame when prescribed by a Participating Provider or surgeon after vision correction surgery. Eyeglass lenses and lens treatments One pair of lenses per Insured every 24 months or every 12 months if the examination indicates a Prescription Change. Single vision \$25 All charges above \$43 Lined bifocal \$25 All charges above \$60 Lined trifocal \$25 All charges above \$75 Lenticular \$25 All charges above \$200 \$25 plus all charges Polycarbonate lenses (for Dependent children only) All charges above \$75 above \$100 Polycarbonate photochromic single vision lenses (for \$25 plus all charges All charges above \$115 Dependent children only) above \$160 \$25 Standard progressive lenses (no-line bifocals) All charges above \$75 \$25 plus all charges Premium progressive lenses (no-line bifocals) All charges above \$100 above \$140 \$25 plus all charges Anti-reflective lens coating All charges above \$35 above \$50

Your payment

Photochromic lenses

**Benefits**<sup>2</sup>

\$25 plus all charges

above \$200

All charges above \$150

#### Your payment

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	When using a Non- Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>
Contact lenses		
Elective or Non-Elective Contact Lenses are provided per Insured every 24 months or every 12 months if the examination indicates a Prescription Change. Benefits are provided instead of eyeglass frames and lenses up to the Allowance.		
Elective (cosmetic/convenience)	\$25 plus all charges above \$150	All charges above \$100
<ul> <li>Non-Elective (Medically Necessary)</li> </ul>	\$25	All charges above \$250
Requires a report from the provider and prior authorization from the VPA.		
Scleral and hybrid lenses	All charges above \$350	All charges above \$350
Requires a report from the provider and prior authorization from the VPA.		
Other services		
Low-vision testing and equipment	25% plus all charges above \$1,000	Not covered
One per Insured every 24 months by a Participating Provider. Exam must be Medically Necessary.		

#### Notes

#### 1 Certificate of Insurance (COI):

The Certificate of Insurance (COI) describes the Benefits, limitations, and exclusions that apply to coverage under this Plan. Please review the COI for more details of coverage outlined in this Summary of Benefits. You can request a copy of the COI at any time.

<u>Capitalized terms are defined in the COI</u>. Refer to the COI for an explanation of the terms used in this Summary of Benefits.

#### 2 Vision Care Services:

All vision Benefits are provided through Blue Shield Life's Vision Plan Administrator (VPA).

<u>Contact lenses.</u> The Allowance for contact lenses may be used towards the fitting fees. If you receive Elective or Non-Elective Contact Lenses, no Benefits will be available for eyeglass frames and lenses until you satisfy the Benefit frequency.

#### 3 Using Participating Providers:

Participating Providers have a contract to provide vision care services to Insureds. When you receive Covered Services from a Participating Provider, you are responsible for:

- the Copayment, and
- any charges above the stated Allowance, which is the Benefit maximum.

When the Participating Provider uses wholesale pricing, the maximum frame Allowances are:

• wholesale Allowance: \$103.64.

**Note**: This pricing replaces the frame Allowance shown in the Summary of Benefits. If a more expensive frame is selected at a provider location that uses wholesale pricing, the Insured Person is responsible for the additional cost above the wholesale Allowance. Participating Providers using wholesale pricing are identified in the directory of Participating Providers at blueshieldca.com.

#### 4 Using Non-Participating Providers:

<u>Non-Participating Providers do not have a contract to provide vision care services to Insureds.</u> When you receive Covered Services from a Non-Participating Provider, you are responsible for:

• any charges above the stated Allowance, which is the Benefit maximum.

Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.



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View our nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice: **blueshieldca.com/notices**. You can also call for language assistance services: **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**.

If you are unable to access the website above and would like to receive a copy of the nondiscrimination notice and language assistance notice, please call Customer Care at **(888) 256-3650 (TTY: 711)**.

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Blue Shield cumple con las leyes de derechos civiles federales y estatales aplicables. También, ofrecemos servicios de asistencia en idiomas sin costo adicional.

Vea nuestro aviso de no discriminación y nuestro aviso de asistencia en idiomas en **blueshieldca.com/notices**. Para obtener servicios de asistencia en idiomas, también puede llamar al **(866) 346-7198 (TTY: 711)**.

Si no puede acceder al sitio web que aparece arriba y desea recibir una copia del aviso de no discriminación y del aviso de asistencia en idiomas, llame a Atención al Cliente al **(888) 256-3650 (TTY: 711)**.

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