

Patty's Points



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July is Eye Injury Prevention Month. Here's some information on what your health plan covers or does not cover in regards to eye care.

Dear Patty:

Q: Are routine eye exams covered under my Florida Blue medical plan?

A: No, routine eye exams are not covered under your Florida Blue medical plan. Vision plans cover routine eye exams. The District offers a vision plan through Davis Vision. The premiums vary by the type of plan you select. Please access the District's website for details and costs.

Q: What eye conditions are covered under the Florida Blue medical plan?

A: Your Florida Blue medical plan covers services to treat an injury to or disease of the eyes. For example: glaucoma, cataracts, conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Q: I received a bill from my ophthalmologist for a refraction test. What is a refraction test?

A: A refraction test is an eye exam that measures a person's prescription for eyeglasses or contact lenses. This is a routine eye exam that is NOT covered under your Florida Blue medical plan.

Q: I was referred to an ophthalmologist after my routine eye exam indicated I have glaucoma. Do I need a referral from my Primary Care Physician prior to consulting with an ophthalmologist?

A: A referral from your Primary Care Physician is NOT required to consult with a specialist. Please make sure the specialist is a participating provider under your plan.

Q: I just had cataract surgery and will need eyeglasses or contact lenses. Will this be covered under my Florida Blue plan?

A: Yes, initial eyeglasses or contact lenses following cataract surgery are covered.

Q: My optometrist says I may be a candidate for LASIK Eye Surgery. Is this covered under my health plan?

A: No, any surgical procedure performed primarily to correct or improve myopia or other refractive disorders, such as LASIK is excluded under your health plan.

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