

Financial Assistance Information

The American Academy of Ophthalmology EyeCare America® Program

P.O. Box 429098
San Francisco, CA 94142-9098
Phone: (877) 887-6327
Fax: (415) 561-8567
www.aao.org/eyecareamerica

EyeCare America provides eye care to US citizens and legal residents through volunteer ophthalmologists, often at no out-of-pocket cost to those who qualify. Visit www.aao.org/eyecareamerica to find out if you or someone you know qualifies for eye care. More than 90 percent of care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to EyeCare America patients.

To be eligible for the Seniors program, you:

- *Are a U.S. citizen or legal resident*
- *Are age 65 or older*
- *Do not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA*
- *Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years.*

If you are not eligible for the Seniors program, you may qualify for the Glaucoma Program, which provides a glaucoma eye exam at no cost to those who are uninsured.

To be eligible for the Glaucoma program, you:

- *Are a U.S. citizen or legal resident*
- *Do not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA*
- *Have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more*
- *Are at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by your age, race, and family history of glaucoma.*

American Glaucoma Society Cares

American Glaucoma Society

655 Beach Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
Phone: (415) 561-8587
Fax: (415) 561-8531
Email: ags@aao.org
<https://www.americanglaucomasociety.net/patients/ags-cares>

AGS Cares is a public service program of the AGS Foundation that is dedicated to providing surgical glaucoma care at no cost to uninsured patients who qualify for such care. The glaucoma care is provided by members of a national network of volunteers comprising glaucoma surgeons who are AGS active or provisional members.

225 West Wacker Drive
Suite 400
Chicago, Illinois 60606
800.331.2020
PreventBlindness.org

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Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry

6110 Executive Boulevard,
Suite 510
Rockville, Maryland 20852
Phone: (301) 231-5944
Fax: (301) 770-1828
www.opted.org

Many optometry schools offer low-cost care to people willing to be treated by supervised students. They may also provide free care to people who join research studies.

Eye Want 2 Know

<http://eyewant2know.com/>

As part of its commitment to the inherited retinal disease (IRD) community, Spark Therapeutics operates Eye Want 2 Know, a website aiming to provide those living with an IRD the knowledge and resources they need to get started with genetic testing to determine the genetic cause of their condition. Eye Want 2 Know also includes an enhanced ID YOUR IRD gene testing initiative that tests for variants in approximately 250 genes known to cause IRDs and includes optional genetic counseling, both available at no charge.

Foundation Fighting Blindness: My Retina Tracker® Program

blueprintgenetics.com/my-retina-tracker-program

The My Retina Tracker Program provides individuals with a clinical diagnosis of an inherited retinal degeneration (IRD) no-cost genetic testing and genetic counseling. This program is sponsored by the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Blueprint Genetics performs the genetic testing. After testing, you will receive genetic counseling from InformedDNA at no cost.

Genentech Access Solutions

Phone: (888) 249-4918 or
(866) 422-2377
Fax: (888) 249-4919
www.genentech-access.com/avastin/hcp

Genentech Access Solutions assists patients who are concerned about access to Avastin (a drug treatment for AMD developed by Genentech) and assists them with health insurance coverage and reimbursement issues.

Good Days

6900 N. Dallas Parkway,
Suite 200
Plano, TX 75024
Toll-free Patient Info:
(877) 968-7233
Main: (972) 608-7141
www.mygooddays.org

Good Days provides financial

support by covering prohibitively costly co-pays for those with life-altering conditions, allowing them to receive treatment without destroying their finances.

The HealthWell Foundation

P.O. Box 4133
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Phone: (800) 675-8416
Fax: (800) 282-7692
www.healthwellfoundation.org

The HealthWell Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to cover co-insurance, co-payments, healthcare premiums and deductibles for certain treatments.

The Hill Burton Program

Health Resources and Services Administration

5600 Fishers Lane,
Room 10C-16
Rockville, Maryland 20857
Phone: (800) 492-0359
(Maryland residents)
(800) 638-0742
www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/index.html

Participating hospitals and other healthcare facilities provide medical care for free, or at reduced cost, to those who meet eligibility requirements based on family size and income. Procedures covered vary from hospital to hospital. A list of assisting sites available in your state is located online.

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InfantSEE

**Optometry Cares
The Foundation of the American
Optometric Association**
243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Floor 1
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: (888) 396-EYES (3937)
www.infantsee.org

InfantSEE optometrists provide a no-cost comprehensive eye and vision assessment for infants within the first year of life regardless of a family's income or access to insurance coverage.

Lions Clubs International

300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 60523
Phone: (630) 571-5466
(800) 747-4448
www.lionsclubs.org

Provides financial assistance to individuals for eye care through local clubs. On their website, go to "Club Locator" to locate your local club.

Lucentis®

Phone: (866) 724-9394 or
(866) 422-2377
Fax: (866) 724-9412
www.lucetis.com/wet-amd/financial-support.html

Assists patients who are concerned about access to Lucentis (a drug treatment for AMD developed by Genentech) and assists them with health insurance coverage and reimbursement issues.

Medicaid

**Centers for Medicare
& Medicaid Services**
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244
Phone: (877) 267-2323
www.medicaid.gov

Information and assistance can be found at the Medicaid.gov website and the individual state Medicaid websites (Go to the menu and select "State Resources"). Generally, the best place to start is the Medicaid office of your particular state — most of the numbers listed here are for program issues and general questions and information.

Medicare

**Medicare Contact
Center Operations**
PO Box 1270
Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone: (800) MEDICARE
(633-4227)
www.medicare.gov

Medicare beneficiaries, family members, and caregivers can visit Medicare.gov, the Official U.S. Government Site for People with Medicare, for the latest information on Medicare enrollment, benefits, and other helpful tools.

Mission Cataract USA

6716 N. Cedar Avenue, Suite 212
Fresno, California 93710
Phone: (559)797-1629
www.missioncataractusa.org

Coordinated by the Volunteer Eye Surgeon's Association, it is a program providing free cataract surgery to people of all ages who have no Medicare, Medicaid, third party insurance or any other means to pay for needed cataract surgery.

National Federation of the Blind

200 East Wells Street at
Jernigan Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21230
Phone: (410) 659-9314
www.nfb.org

NFB works to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons by providing evaluations of present programs and assistance in establishing new ones; awards scholarships to blind persons; has a public education program including speakers' bureau; and has several special interest divisions, including those for diabetics, educators, lawyers, parents of blind children, students and public employees. The National Federation of the Blind has affiliates in all fifty states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, and over seven hundred local chapters.

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NeedyMeds

Post Office Box 219
Gloucester, MA 01930
Phone: (800) 503-6897
Fax: (206) 260-8850
info@needymeds.org
www.needymeds.com

NeedyMeds provides information obtained directly from the drug manufacturers regarding special programs to assist people who cannot afford to buy the drugs they need.

New Eyes for the Needy

549 Millburn Avenue
Post Office Box 332
Short Hills, NJ 07078
Phone: (973) 376-4903
Fax: (973) 376-3807
www.new-eyes.org

New Eyes provides a basic pair of single or lined bifocal lenses. A New Eyes voucher is for individuals who have no other resources with which to obtain a basic pair eyeglasses. Applicants must have an eye exam including their pupillary distance (PD) measurement before applying.

OneSight's OnSite Voucher Program

Phone: (888) 935-4589
www.onesight.org

Through OneSight's OnSite Voucher Program, eligible patients can receive glasses free of charge. The patient should:

1. Have their visual and financial

need verified by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (such as a school, church, Lions Club, Prevent Blindness, Red Cross, or United Way).

2. Obtain a referral letter from the nonprofit (letter should be on company letterhead and include the Tax ID# for the nonprofit).
3. Take the referral letter issued by the nonprofit as well as a valid prescription to a participating Luxottica Retail Location (LensCrafters, Target Optical, Sears Optical or Pearle Vision corporate store) to receive a pair of glasses at no charge.
4. If the patient does not already have a valid prescription (one that is less than 1 year old) he or she can ask if the onsite doctor at the optical retailer is able to donate an eye exam or they can reach out to Prevent Blindness for assistance.

Patient Access Network Foundation

PO Box 221858
Charlotte, NC 28222
Phone: (866) 316-PANF (7263)
contact@patientaccessnetwork.org
www.panfoundation.org

The Patient Access Network (PAN Foundation) is dedicated to helping people living with life-threatening, chronic and rare diseases with the out-of-pocket costs for their prescribed medications. PAN provides the underinsured population access to the healthcare

treatments they need to best manage their conditions and focus on improving their quality of life.

Created by the PAN Foundation, FundFinder is a web-based app designed to help patients with life-threatening, chronic or rare diseases quickly find financial assistance. To learn more about FundFinder, visit: <https://fundfinder.panfoundation.org>.

Transportation Assistance

In addition, the PAN Foundation Transportation Assistance program provides financial support to patients with life-threatening, chronic, or rare conditions so they can access affordable and reliable transportation to and from their medical treatments and pharmacy. To learn more about the Transportation Assistance program, visit: <https://www.panfoundation.org/funds/transportation>.

Sight for Students, a Vision Service Plan (VSP)

Phone: (800) 877-7195
www.sightforstudents.org

VSP provides free eye care services to qualifying students (18 years and younger) whose families' income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Services include an eye exam from one of VSP's participating doctors and glasses, if prescribed. Contact your local Prevent Blindness affiliate or Prevent Blindness for more details.