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GROUP VISION CARE POLICY

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Premium Due Date	FIRST DAY OF MONTH

In consideration of the statements and agreements contained in the Group Application and in consideration of payment by the Group of the premiums as herein provided, VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY ("VSP") agrees to insure certain individuals under this Group Vision Care Policy ("Policy") the benefits provided herein, subject to the exceptions, limitations and exclusions hereinafter set forth. This Policy is delivered in and governed by the laws of the state of delivery and is subject to the terms and conditions recited on the subsequent pages hereof, including any Exhibits or state-specific Addenda, which are a part of this Policy.

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Gary N. Brooks, Secretary

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I.
DEFINITIONS

Key terms used in this Policy are defined:

- 1.01. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM**: A group vision care plan whereby Group pays VSP for the Plan Benefits in addition to a monthly administrative fee.
- 1.02. **BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION**: Authorization from VSP identifying the individual named a Covered Person of VSP, and identifying those Plan Benefits to which Covered Person is entitled.
- 1.03. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**: All confidential information concerning the medical, personal, financial or business affairs of Covered Persons obtained while providing Plan Benefits hereunder.
- 1.04. **COPAYMENTS**: Any amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered.
- 1.05. **COVERED PERSON**: An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets VSP's eligibility criteria and on whose behalf premiums have been paid to VSP, and who is covered under this Policy.
- 1.06. **ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT**: Any legal dependent of an Enrollee of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Group and approved by VSP in Article VI of this Policy under which such Enrollee is covered.
- 1.07. **EMERGENCY CONDITION**: A condition, with sudden onset and acute symptoms, that requires the Insured to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence calling for immediate, non-medical action.
- 1.08. **ENROLLEE**: An employee or member of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility specified under Article VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE.
- 1.09. **EXPERIMENTAL NATURE**: Procedure or lens that is not used universally or accepted by the vision care profession, as determined by VSP.
- 1.10. **GROUP**: An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under this Policy in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents.
- 1.11. **GROUP APPLICATION**: The form signed by an authorized representative of the Group to signify the Group's intention to have its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents become Covered Persons of VSP.

1.12. **GROUP VISION CARE POLICY (also, "THE POLICY")**: The Policy issued by VSP to a Group, under which its Enrollees or members, and their Eligible Dependents are entitled to become Covered Persons of VSP and receive Plan Benefits in accordance with the terms of such Policy.

1.13. **MEMBER DOCTOR**: An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.

1.14. **NON-MEMBER 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.

1.15. **PLAN BENEFITS**: The vision care services and vision care materials which Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under this Policy, as defined in the Schedule of Benefits attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1.16. **RENEWAL DATE**: The date when the Policy shall renew, or terminate if proper notice is given.

1.17. **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit A to this Policy, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive under this Policy.

1.18. **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit B, which states the payments to be made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him/her to Plan Benefits.

II.
TERM, TERMINATION, AND RENEWAL

2.01. **Plan Term**: This Policy is effective on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect for the Policy Term. At the end of the Policy Term, the Policy shall renew on a month to month basis unless either party notifies the other in writing, at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Policy Term that such party is unwilling to renew the Policy. If such notice is given, the Policy shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the Policy Term unless the parties agree on its renewal of the Policy. If the Policy continues on a month to month basis after the Policy Term, either party may terminate the Policy upon thirty (30) days advance notice to the other party.

If VSP issues written renewal materials to Group at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Policy Term and Group fails to accept the new terms and/or rates in writing prior to the end of the Policy Term, this Policy shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the Policy Term.

2.02. **Early Termination Provision**: The Premium rate payable by Group to VSP under this Policy is based on an assumption that VSP will receive these amounts over the full Policy Term in order to cover costs associated with greater vision utilization that tends to occur during the first portion of a Policy Term. If Group terminates this Policy before the end of the Policy Term or before the end of any subsequent renewal terms, for any reason other than material breach by VSP, Group shall be liable for the lesser of any deficit incurred by VSP or the remaining payments which Group would have paid for the full term of this Agreement. A deficit incurred by VSP will be calculated by subtracting the cost of incurred and outstanding claims, as calculated on an incurred date basis with a claim run-out not to exceed six months from the date of termination, from the net premiums received by VSP from Group. Net premiums shall mean premiums paid by Group minus any applicable retention amounts and/or broker commissions. Group agrees to pay VSP within thirty-one (31) days of notification of the amount due.

III.
OBLIGATIONS OF VSP

3.01. **Coverage of Covered Persons:** VSP will enroll for coverage each eligible Enrollee and his/her Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided, all of who shall be referred to upon enrollment as "Covered Persons." To institute coverage, VSP may require Group to complete, sign and forward to VSP a Group Application along with information regarding Enrollees and Eligible Dependents, and all applicable premiums. (Refer to VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE for further details.)

Following the enrollment of the Covered Persons, VSP will provide Group with Member Benefit Summaries for distribution to Covered Persons. Such Member Benefit Summaries will summarize the terms and conditions set forth in this Policy.

3.02. **Provision of Plan Benefits:** Through its Member Doctors (or through other licensed vision care providers where a Covered Person is eligible for, and chooses to receive Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider) VSP shall provide Covered Persons such Plan Benefits listed in the Schedule of Benefits, Exhibit A hereto, subject to any limitations, exclusions, or Copayments therein stated. Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to a Covered Person obtaining Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person seeks Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, the Covered Person must schedule an appointment and identify himself as a VSP Covered Person so the Member Doctor can obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. VSP shall provide Benefit Authorization to the Member Doctor to authorize the provision of Plan Benefits to the Covered Person. Each Benefit Authorization will contain an expiration date, stating a specific time period for the Covered Person to obtain Plan Benefits. VSP shall issue Benefit Authorizations in accordance with the latest eligibility information furnished by Group and the Covered Person's past service utilization, if any. Any Benefit Authorization so issued by VSP shall constitute a certification to the Member Doctor that payment will be made, irrespective of a later loss of eligibility of the Covered Person, provided Plan Benefits are received prior to the Benefit Authorization expiration date.

VSP shall pay or deny claims for Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons, less any applicable Copayment, within a reasonable time but not more than thirty (30) calendar days after VSP has received a completed claim, unless special circumstances require additional time. In such cases, VSP may obtain an extension of fifteen (15) calendar days of this time limit by providing notice to the claimant of the reasons for the extension.

3.03. **Provision of Information to Covered Persons:** Upon request, VSP shall make available to Covered Persons necessary information describing Plan Benefits and how to use them. A copy of this Policy shall be placed with Group and also will be made available at the offices of VSP for any Covered Persons. VSP shall provide Group with an updated list of Member Doctors' names, addresses, and telephone numbers for distribution to Covered Persons twice a year. Covered Persons may also obtain a copy of the Member Doctor directory through contacting VSP's Customer Service Department's toll-free Customer Service telephone line, VSP's Web site at www.vsp.com, or by written request.

3.04. **Preservation of Confidentiality:** VSP shall hold in strict confidence all Confidential Matters and exercise its best efforts to prevent any of its employees, Member Doctors, or agents, from disclosing any Confidential Matter, except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to enable any of the above to perform their obligations under this Policy, including but not limited to sharing information with medical information bureaus, or complying with applicable law. Covered Persons and/or Groups that want more information on VSP's Confidentiality policy may obtain a copy of the policy by contacting VSP's Customer Service Department or VSP's Web site at www.vsp.com.

3.05. **Emergency Vision Care:** When vision care is necessary for Emergency Conditions, Covered Persons may obtain Plan Benefits by contacting a Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider. No prior approval from VSP is required for Covered Person to obtain vision care for Emergency Conditions of a medical nature. However, services for medical conditions, including emergencies, are covered by VSP only under the Acute EyeCare and Supplemental Primary EyeCare Plans. If Group has not purchased one of these plans, Covered Persons are not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Persons' medical insurance plan for care. For emergency conditions of a non-medical nature, such as lost, broken or stolen glasses, the Covered Person should contact VSP's Customer Service Department for assistance. Reimbursement and eligibility are subject to the terms of this Policy.

IV.
OBLIGATIONS OF THE GROUP

4.01. **Identification of Eligible Enrollees**: An Enrollee is eligible for coverage under this Policy if he/she satisfies the enrollment criteria specified in Paragraph 6.01(a) and/or as mutually agreed to by VSP and Group. By the Effective Date of this Policy, Group shall provide VSP with eligibility information, in a mutually agreed upon format and medium, to identify all Enrollees who are eligible for coverage under this Policy as of that date. Thereafter, Group shall supply to VSP by the last day of each month, eligibility information sufficient to identify all Enrollees to be added to or deleted from VSP's coverage rosters for the next month. The eligibility information shall include designation of each Enrollee's family status if dependent coverage is provided. Upon VSP's request, Group shall make available for inspection records regarding the coverage of Covered Persons under this Policy.

4.02. **Payment of Premiums**: By the last day of each month, Group shall remit to VSP the premiums payable for the next month on behalf of each Enrollee and Eligible Dependents, if any, to be covered under this Policy. The Schedule of Premiums incorporated in this Policy as Exhibit B provides the premium amount for each Covered Person. Only Covered Persons for whom premiums are actually received by VSP shall be entitled to Plan Benefits under this Policy and only for the period for which such payment is received, subject to the grace period provision below. If payment for any Covered Person is not received on time, VSP may terminate all rights of such Covered Person. Such rights may be reinstated only in accordance with the requirements of this Policy.

VSP may change the premiums set forth in Exhibit B (Schedule of Premiums) by giving Group at least sixty (60) days advance written notice. No change will be made during the Policy Term unless there is a change in the Schedule of Benefits or there is a material change in Policy terms or conditions, provided any such change is mutually agreed upon in writing by VSP and Group.

Notwithstanding the above, VSP may increase premiums during a Policy Term by the amount of any tax or assessment not now in effect but subsequently levied by any taxing authority, which is attributable to premiums VSP received from Group.

4.03. **Grace Period:** Group shall be allowed a grace period of thirty-one (31) days following the premium payment due date to pay premiums due under this Policy. During said grace period, this Policy shall remain in full force and effect for all Covered Persons of Group. VSP will consider late payments at the time of Policy renewal. Such payment may impact Group's premium rates in future Policy Terms.

If Group fails to make any premiums payment due by the end of any grace period, VSP may notify Group that the premiums payment has not been made, that coverage is canceled and that Group is responsible for payment for all Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons after the last period for which premiums were paid in full, including the grace period through the effective date of termination. Group shall also be responsible for any legal and/or collection fees incurred by VSP to collect amounts due under this Policy.

4.04. **Distribution of Required Documents:** Group shall distribute to Enrollees any disclosure forms, plan summaries or other material required to be given to plan subscribers by any regulatory authority. Such materials shall be distributed by Group no later than thirty (30) days after the receipt thereof, or as required under state law.

4.05. **Risk-to-ASP Conversion Provision:** Converting to an Administrative Services Program: Due to the cyclical nature of vision care, in the event Group wishes to convert its method of funding from a risk program to an Administrative Services Program, an appropriate level of reserve will need to have been established.

Upon conversion to an Administrative Services Program, for vision care begun on and after the effective date of conversion, all claims will be paid through the Administrative Services program.

V.
OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED PERSONS UNDER THE POLICY

5.01. **General:** By this Policy, Group makes coverage available to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided. However, this Policy may be amended or terminated by agreement between VSP and Group as indicated herein, without the consent or concurrence of Covered Persons. This Policy, and all Exhibits, Riders and attachments hereto, constitute VSP's sole and entire undertaking to Covered Persons under this Policy.

As conditions of coverage, all Covered Persons under this Policy have the following obligations:

5.02. **Copayment for Services Received:** Where, as indicated in Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits), Copayments are required for certain Plan Benefits, Copayments shall be the personal responsibility of the Covered Person receiving the care and must be paid to the Member Doctor the date services are rendered.

5.03. **Obtaining Services from Member Doctors:** Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to receiving Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person seeks Plan Benefits, the Covered Person must select a Member Doctor, schedule an appointment, and identify himself as a Covered Person so the Member Doctor can obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. Should the Covered Person receive Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor without such Benefit Authorization, then for the purposes of those Plan Benefits provided to the Covered Person, the Member Doctor will be considered a Non-Member Provider and the benefits available will be limited to those for a Non-Member Provider, if any.

5.04. **Submission of Non-Member Provider Claims:** If Non-Member Provider coverage is indicated in Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits), written proof (receipt and the Covered Person's identification information) of all claims for services received from Non-Member Providers shall be submitted by Covered Persons to VSP within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of service. VSP may reject such claims filed more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of service.

Failure to submit a claim within this time period, however, shall not invalidate or reduce the claim if it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within such time period, provided the claim was submitted as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the required date of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of service.

5.05. **Complaints and Grievances:** Covered Persons shall report any complaints and/or grievances to VSP at the address given herein. Complaints and grievances are disagreements regarding access to care, quality of care, treatment or service. Complaints and grievances may be submitted to VSP verbally or in writing. A Covered Person may submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning his complaint or grievance to assist in VSP's review. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) 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) 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.

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

a) Initial Appeal: The request must be made within one hundred eighty (180) days following denial of a claim and should contain sufficient information to identify the Covered Person for whom the claim was denied, including the VSP Enrollee's name, the VSP Enrollee's Member Identification Number, the Covered Person's name and date of birth, the provider of services and the claim number. 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 as follows:

Denied Claims for Services Rendered: within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a request for an appeal from the Covered Person.

b) Second Level Appeal: If the Covered Person disagrees with the response to the initial appeal of the claim, the Covered Person has a right to a second level appeal. Within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of VSP's response to the initial appeal, the Covered Person may submit a second appeal to VSP along with any pertinent documentation. VSP shall communicate its final determination to the Covered Person in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

c) **Other Remedies:** When Covered Person has completed the appeals process stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation, or Group should advise Covered Person to 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 review of denied claims, including the appeals process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

5.07. **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 this Policy and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim and any applicable invoices have been filed with VSP. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of six (6) years from the last date that the claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to VSP, in accordance with the terms of this Policy.

5.08. **Insurance Fraud:** Any Group and/or person who intends to defraud, knowingly facilitates a fraud or submits an application or files a claim with a false or deceptive statement, is guilty of insurance fraud. Such an act is grounds for immediate termination of the Policy for the Group or individual that committed the fraud.

VI.
ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

6.01. **Eligibility Criteria:** Individuals will be accepted for coverage hereunder only upon meeting all the applicable requirements set forth below.

(a) **Enrollees:** To be eligible for coverage, a person must:

(1) currently be an employee or member of the Group, and

(2) meet the criteria established in the coverage criteria mutually agreed upon by Group and VSP.

(b) **Eligible Dependents:** If dependent coverage is provided, the persons eligible for dependent coverage are:

(1) the legal spouse of any Enrollee, and

(2) any unmarried child of an Enrollee, including any natural child from the moment of birth, or legally adopted child from the moment of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court holds the Enrollee responsible; and

(A) for whose support the Enrollee is legally responsible. Such dependent children shall be eligible until the end of the month in which they attain the age of 26 years.

(3) as further defined by Group.

If a dependent, unmarried child prior to attainment of the prescribed age for termination of eligibility becomes, and continues to be, incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, that Eligible Dependent's coverage shall not terminate so long as he remains chiefly dependent on the Enrollee for support and the Enrollee's coverage remains in force; PROVIDED that satisfactory proof of the dependent's incapacity can be furnished to VSP within thirty-one (31) days of the date the Eligible Dependent's coverage would have otherwise terminated or at such other times as VSP may request proof, but not more frequently than annually.

6.02. **Documentation of Eligibility:** Persons satisfying the coverage requirements under either of the above criteria shall be eligible if:

(a) for an Enrollee, the individual's name and Social Security Number have been reported by Group to VSP in the manner provided hereunder, and

(b) for changes to an Eligible Dependent's status, the change has been reported by the Group to VSP in the manner provided herein. As stated in Paragraph 4.01 above, VSP may elect to audit Group's records in order to verify eligibility of Enrollees and dependents and any errors. Subject to the terms of Paragraph 4.03 above, only persons on whose behalf premiums have been paid for the current period shall be entitled to Plan Benefits hereunder. If a clerical error is made, it will not affect the coverage a Covered Person is entitled under the Policy.

6.03. **Retroactive Eligibility Changes:** Retroactive eligibility changes are limited to sixty (60) days prior to the date notice of any such requested change is received by VSP. VSP may refuse retroactive termination of a Covered Person if Plan Benefits have been obtained by, or authorized for, the Covered Person after the effective date of the requested termination.

6.04. **Change of Participation Requirements, Contribution of Fees, and Eligibility Rules:** Composition of the Group, percentage of Enrollees covered under the Policy, and Group's contribution and eligibility requirements, are all material to VSP's obligations under this Policy. During the term of this Policy, Group must provide VSP with written notice of changes to its composition, percentage of Enrollees covered, contribution and eligibility requirements. Any change which materially affects VSP's obligations under this Policy must be agreed upon in writing between VSP and Group and may constitute a material change to the terms and conditions of this Policy for purposes of Paragraph 4.02. Nothing in this section shall limit Group's ability to add Enrollees or Eligible Dependents under the terms of this Policy.

6.05. **Change in Family Status:** In the event Group is notified of any change in a Covered Person's family status [by marriage, the addition (e.g., newborn or adopted child) or deletion of Dependent, etc.] Group shall provide notice of such change to VSP via the next eligibility listing required under Paragraph 4.01. If notice is given, the change in the Covered Person's status will be effective on the first day of the month following the change request, or at such later date as may be requested by or on behalf of the Covered Person. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a newborn child will be covered during the thirty-one (31) day period after birth, and an adopted child will be covered for the thirty-one (31) day period after the date the Enrollee or Enrollee's spouse acquires the right to control that child's health care. To continue coverage for a newborn or adopted child beyond the initial thirty-one (31) day period, the Group must be properly notified of the Enrollee's change in family status and applicable premiums must be paid to VSP.

VII.
CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

7.01. **COBRA**: The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requires that, under certain circumstances, health plan benefits available to an Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available for purchase by said persons upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent, COBRA applies, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

VIII.
ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES

8.01. **Dispute Resolution:** Any dispute or question arising between VSP and Group or any Covered Person involving the application, interpretation, or performance under this Policy shall be settled, if possible, by amicable and informal negotiations. This will allow such opportunity as may be appropriate under the circumstances for fact-finding and mediation. If any issue cannot be resolved in this fashion, it shall be submitted to arbitration.

8.02. **Procedure:** The procedure for arbitration hereunder shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

8.03. **Choice of Law:** If any matter arises in connection with this Policy which becomes the subject of arbitration or legal process, the law of the State of Delivery of the Policy shall be the applicable law.

IX.
NOTICES

9.01. **Required Notices**: Any notices required to be given under this Policy to either Group or VSP shall be in writing and delivered by United States First Class Mail. Notices sent to Group will be mailed to the address shown on the Group Application. Notices sent to VSP shall be sent to the address shown on this Policy. Notwithstanding the above, any notices may be hand-delivered by either party to an appropriate representative of the other party. The party effecting hand-delivery bears the burden to prove delivery was made, if questioned.

X.
MISCELLANEOUS

10.01. **Entire Policy:** This Policy, the Group Application, the Evidence of Coverage, and all Exhibits, Riders and attachments hereto, and any amendments hereto, constitute the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements between them, either written or oral. Any change or amendment to the Policy must be approved by an officer of VSP and attached hereto to be valid. No agent has the authority to change this Policy or waive any of its provisions. Communication materials prepared by Group for distribution to Enrollees do not constitute a part of this Policy.

10.02. **Indemnity:** VSP agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Group, its shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising from the failure of VSP, its officers, agents or employees, to perform any of the activities, duties or responsibilities specified herein. Group agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless VSP, its members, shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising or resulting from the failure of Group, its officers or employees to perform any of the duties or responsibilities specified herein.

10.03. **Liability:** VSP arranges for the provision of vision care services and materials through agreements with Member Doctors. Member Doctors are independent contractors and responsible for exercising independent judgment. VSP does not itself directly furnish vision care services or supply materials. Under no circumstances shall VSP or Group be liable for the negligence, wrongful acts or omissions of any doctor, laboratory, or any other person or organization performing services or supplying materials in connection with this Policy.

10.04. **Assignment:** Neither this Policy nor any of the rights or obligations of either of the parties hereto may be assigned or transferred without the prior written consent of both parties hereto except as expressly authorized herein.

10.05. **Severability:** Should any provision of this Policy be declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

10.06. **Governing Law:** This Policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with applicable federal and state law. Any provision that is in conflict with, or not in compliance with, applicable federal or state statutes or regulations is hereby amended to conform with the requirements of such statutes or regulations, now or hereafter existing.

10.07. **Gender:** All pronouns used herein are deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular, or plural, as the identity(ies) of the person(s) may require.

10.08. **Equal Opportunity:** VSP is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action employer.

10.09. **Communication Materials:** Communication materials created by Group which relate to this vision care Policy must adhere to VSP's Member Communication Guidelines distributed to Group by VSP. Such communication materials may be sent to VSP for review and approval prior to use. VSP's review of such materials shall be limited to approving the accuracy of Plan Benefits and shall not encompass or constitute certification that Group's materials meet any applicable legal or regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, ERISA requirements.

EXHIBIT A

**VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
VSP Choice Plan**

GENERAL

This Schedule lists the vision care services and vision care materials to which Covered Persons of VSP are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. If Plan Benefits are available for Non-Member Provider services, as indicated by the reimbursement provisions below, vision care services and vision care materials may be received from any licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or dispensing optician, whether Member Doctors or Non-Member Providers. This Schedule forms a part of the Plan or Policy to which it is attached.

Member Doctors are those doctors who have agreed to participate in VSP's Choice Network.

When Plan Benefits are received from Member Doctors, benefits appearing in the first column below are applicable subject to any Copayments as stated below. When Plan Benefits are available and received from Non-Member Providers, the Covered Person is reimbursed for such benefits according to the schedule in the second column below less any applicable Copayments.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to each Covered Person subject only to payment of the applicable Copayment by the Covered Person. Copayments are required for Plan Benefits received from Member Doctors and Non-Member Providers. Covered Persons must also follow the proper procedures for obtaining Benefit Authorization.

There shall be a Copayment of \$25.00 for the examination payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time services are rendered. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be an additional \$25.00 Copayment payable at the time the materials are ordered. However, the Copayment for materials shall not apply to elective contact lenses.

PLAN BENEFITS

	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
VISION CARE SERVICES		
<u>Eye Examination</u>	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 45.00*

Complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated.

Subsequent regular eye examinations once every plan year beginning on January 1st.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

VISION CARE MATERIALS

**MEMBER DOCTOR
BENEFIT**

**NON-MEMBER
PROVIDER BENEFIT**

Lenses

Single Vision	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 30.00*
Bifocal	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 50.00*
Trifocal	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 65.00*
Lenticular	Covered in full*	Up to \$ 100.00*

Available once every plan year beginning on January 1st.

Frames

Covered up to Plan Allowance*	Up to \$ 70.00*
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Available once every other plan year beginning on January 1st.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

Lenses and frames include such professional services as are necessary, which shall include:

- Prescribing and ordering proper lenses;
- Assisting in the selection of frames;
- Verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses;
- Proper fitting and adjustment of frames;
- Subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency;
- Progress or follow-up work as necessary.

CONTACT LENSES

Contact lenses are available once every plan year in lieu of all other lens and frame benefits available herein. When contact lenses are obtained, the Covered Person shall not be eligible for lenses and frames again for one plan year.

Necessary-

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Insured's Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider. Prior review and approval by the Company are not required for Insured to be eligible for Necessary Contact Lenses.

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT

Professional Fees and Materials
Covered in full*

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Professional Fees and Materials
Up to \$210.00*

Elective -

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT

Professional Fees and Materials**
Up to \$120.00

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Professional Fees and Materials
Up to \$105.00

*Subject to Copayment

**15% discount applies to Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting.

LOW VISION BENEFIT

The Low Vision benefit is available to Covered Persons who have severe visual problems that are not correctable with regular lenses.

	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
Supplementary Testing	Covered in Full	Up to \$125.00

Complete low vision analysis/diagnosis, which includes a comprehensive examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear or vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Care Aids	75% of Cost	75% of Cost
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Subsequent low vision aids.

Copayment for Supplemental Aids: 25% payable by Covered Person.

Benefit Maximum

The maximum benefit available is \$1000.00 (excluding Copayment) every two years.

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Low Vision benefits secured from a Non-Member Provider are subject to the same time limits and Copayment arrangements as described above for a Member Doctor. The Covered Person should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. The Covered Person will be reimbursed in accordance with an amount not to exceed what VSP would pay a Member Doctor in similar circumstances. NOTE: There is no assurance that this amount will be within the 25% Copayment feature.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

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

PATIENT OPTIONS

This Policy is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials. When the Covered Person selects any of the following extras, the Policy will pay the basic cost of the allowed lenses or frames, and the Covered Person will pay the additional costs for the options.

- Optional cosmetic processes.
- Anti-reflective coating.
- Color coating.
- Mirror coating.
- Scratch coating.
- Blended lenses.
- Cosmetic lenses.
- Laminated lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses.
- Photochromic lenses, tinted lenses except Pink #1 and Pink #2.
- Progressive multifocal lenses.
- UV (ultraviolet) protected lenses.
- Certain limitations on low vision care.
- A frame that costs more than the Plan allowance.
- Contact lenses (except as noted elsewhere herein).

NOT COVERED

There is no benefit for professional services or materials connected with:

- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; plano lenses (less than a $\pm .50$ diopter power); or two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals;
- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this Policy which are lost or broken, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available;
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes;
- Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature;
- Costs for services and/or materials above Plan Benefit allowances;
- Services and/or materials not indicated on this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits.

VSP MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, WAIVE ANY OF THE POLICY LIMITATIONS IF, IN THE OPINION OF VSP'S OPTOMETRIC CONSULTANTS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE VISUAL WELFARE OF THE COVERED PERSON.

EXHIBIT B

**VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS
VSP Choice Plan**

VSP shall be entitled to receive premiums for each month on behalf of each Enrollee and his/her Eligible Dependents, if any, in the amounts specified below:

- \$ 6.50 per month for each eligible Enrollee without Eligible Dependents.
- \$ 10.48 per month for each eligible Enrollee with an Eligible Spouse.
- \$ 10.58 per month for each eligible Enrollee with Eligible Child(ren).
- \$ 18.60 per month for each eligible Enrollee with Eligible Spouse and Child(ren).

NOTICE: The premium under this Policy is subject to change upon renewal (after the end of the Initial Policy Term or any subsequent Policy Term), or upon change of the Schedule of Benefits or a material change in any other terms or conditions of the Policy.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY ADDITIONAL BENEFIT - PRIMARY EYECARE

Primary Eyecare is designed for the detection, treatment, and management of ocular conditions and/or systemic conditions which produce ocular or visual symptoms. Under the plan, Member Doctors provide treatment and management of urgent and follow-up services. Primary Eyecare also involves management of conditions which require monitoring to prevent future vision loss.

The Member Doctor is responsible for advising and educating patients on matters of general health and prevention of ocular, as well as systemic disease. If consultation, treatment, and/or referral are necessary, it is the responsibility of the Member Doctor as a Primary Eyecare Professional, to manage and coordinate on behalf of the patient to assure appropriateness of follow-up services.

SYMPTOMS

Examples of symptoms which may result in a patient seeking services on an urgent basis under the Primary Eyecare Plan include, but are not limited to:

ocular discomfort or pain	recent onset of eye muscle dysfunction
transient loss of vision	ocular foreign body sensation
flashes or floaters	pain in or around the eyes
ocular trauma	swollen lids
diplopia	red eyes

CONDITIONS

Examples of conditions which may require management under the Primary Eyecare Plan, include, but are not limited to:

ocular hypertension	macular degeneration
glaucoma	corneal abrasion
retinal nevus	corneal dystrophy
cataract	blepharitis
pink-eye	sty

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PRIMARY EYECARE SERVICES

1. To obtain Primary Eyecare Services, the Covered Person contacts a Member Doctor's office and makes an appointment. If necessary, the Covered Person may call VSP's Customer Service Department first to determine the nearest location of a Member Doctor's office.
2. If urgent care is necessary, the Covered Person may be seen by a Member Doctor immediately.
3. The Covered Person pays the applicable Copayment to the Member Doctor at the time of each Primary Eyecare office visit.
4. When the Member Doctor has completed the services, he will fill out the necessary paperwork and mail it to VSP. VSP will pay the Member Doctor directly according to VSP's agreement with the Doctor.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to each Covered Person from any participating Member Doctor at no cost to the Covered Person except there shall be a Copayment amount of \$20.00 payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time of each Primary Eyecare office visit.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

The Primary Eyecare Plan is designed to cover Primary Eyecare services only. There is no coverage provided under the Plan for the following:

1. Costs associated with securing materials such as lenses and frames.
2. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
3. Surgical or pathological treatment.
4. Any eye examination, or any corrective eye wear, required by an employer as a condition of employment.
5. Medication.
6. Pre and post-operative services.

REFERRALS BY THE MEMBER DOCTOR

The Member Doctor will refer the patient to another doctor under the following conditions:

1. If the patient requires additional services which are covered by the Primary Eyecare Plan but are not provided in his office, the Member Doctor will refer the patient to another Member Doctor or to the major medical physician whose offices provide the necessary services.
2. If the patient requires services beyond the scope of the Primary Eyecare Plan, the Member Doctor will refer the patient back to the major medical physician.
3. If the patient requires emergency services beyond the scope of the Primary Eyecare Plan, the Member Doctor will make a "STAT" (emergency) referral by calling either another Member Doctor or the major medical physician.

DEFINITIONS

Blepharitis - Inflammation of the eyelids.

Cataract - A cloudiness of the lens of the eye obstructing vision.

Conjunctiva - The mucous membrane that lines the inner surface of the eyelids and is continued over the forepart of the eyeball.

Corneal Abrasion - Irritation of the transparent part of the coat of the eyeball.

Corneal Dystrophy - A disorder involving nervous and muscular tissue of the transparent part of the coat of the eyeball.

Diplopia - The observance by a person of seeing double images of an object.

Eye Muscle Dysfunction - A disorder or weakness of the muscles that control eye movement.

Glaucoma - A disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eyeball which causes damage to the optic disc and gradual loss of vision.

Flashes or Floaters - The observance by a person of seeing flashing lights and/or spots.

Macula - A small, yellowish area lying slightly lateral to the center of the retina that constitutes the region of maximum visual acuity.

Macular Degeneration - Degeneration of the macula.

Ocular - Of or relating to the eye or the eyesight.

Ocular Hypertension - Unusually high blood pressure within the eye.

Ocular Conditions - Any condition, problem, or complaint relating to the eyes or eyesight.

Ocular Trauma - A forceful injury to the eye due to a foreign object, e.g., fist, baseball, racquetball, auto accident, etc.

Pink-eye - An acute, highly contagious, conjunctivitis (inflammation of the conjunctiva).

Retinal Nevus - A pigmented birthmark on the sensory membrane lining the eye which receives the image formed by the lens.

Sty - An inflamed swelling of the fatty material at the margin of the eyelid.

Systemic Condition - Any condition or problem relating to a person's general health.

Transient Loss of Vision - Temporary loss of vision.

ADDENDUM

**TO GROUP VISION CARE POLICY
VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Section VIII, **ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES** is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section III, Paragraph 3.07 is hereby added to read as follows:

3.07. **Time Limits of Payment of Claims**: Payment must be made in 45 days. Valid claims not paid in that period must be increased by interest at 1½% per month until finally settled. If VSP does not pay when due, the Covered Person may bring action to recover such benefits and any other damages.

Group Vision Care Policy



Vision Care for Life

Group Name: CITY OF GULFPORT
Group Number: 12332163
Effective Date: JANUARY 1, 2011

Evidence of Coverage

Provided by:

VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY
3333 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 851-5000 (800) 877-7195

To be filled in by employer in the event this document is used to develop a Summary Plan Description:

NAME OF EMPLOYER:
NAME OF PLAN:
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS:

EMPLOYER I.D.#:

POLICY #:

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:
ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

REGISTERED AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:

ADDRESS:

This form 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. A copy of the Policy will be furnished on request.

DEFINITIONS:

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER The document attached to this Evidence of Coverage, when purchased by Group, which lists selected vision care services and vision care materials that a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Policy.

BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION Authorization issued by VSP identifying the individual named as a Covered Person of VSP, and identifying those Plan Benefits to which a Covered Person is entitled.

COPAYMENTS Any amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered.

COVERED PERSON An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets VSP's eligibility criteria and on whose behalf Premiums have been paid to VSP, and who is covered under the Policy.

ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT Any legal dependent of an Enrollee of Group who meets the criteria established by Group and approved by VSP under section VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE of the Policy under which such Enrollee is covered.

EMERGENCY CONDITION A condition, with sudden onset and acute symptoms, that requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence requiring immediate, non-medical action.

ENROLLEE An employee or member of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility specified under section VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE of the Policy.

EXPERIMENTAL NATURE Procedure or lens that is not used universally or accepted by the vision care profession, as determined by VSP.

GROUP An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under this Policy in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents.

MEMBER DOCTOR An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.

NON-MEMBER 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.

- 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 on the enclosed insert or in the Schedule of Benefits attached as Exhibit A to the Group Policy maintained by your Group Administrator.
- PREMIUMS** The payments made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him/her to Plan Benefits, as stated in the Schedule of Premiums attached as Exhibit B to the Group Policy document maintained by your Group Administrator.
- RENEWAL DATE** The date on which the Policy shall renew or terminate if proper notice is given.
- SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS** The document, attached as Exhibit A to the Group Policy document maintained by your Group Administrator, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of the Policy.
- SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS** The document, attached as Exhibit B to the Group Policy document maintained by your Group Administrator, which states the payments to be made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him/her to Plan Benefits.

ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

Enrollees: To be covered, a person must currently be an employee or member of the Group, and meet the established coverage criteria mutually agreed upon by Group and VSP.

Eligible Dependents: If dependent coverage is provided, the persons eligible shall include the legal spouse of any Enrollee, and any unmarried child of an Enrollee who has not reached the limiting age as shown on the enclosed insert, including any 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.

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 the Enrollee for support and maintenance.

PREMIUMS

Your Group is responsible for payments of the periodic charges for your coverage. Your Group will notify you of your share of the charges, if any. The entire cost of the program is paid to VSP by your Group.

PROCEDURES FOR USING THE POLICY

1. When you want to receive Plan Benefits, contact VSP or a Member Doctor. A list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of Member Doctors in your area can be obtained from your Group, Plan Administrator, or VSP. If this list does not cover the area in which you wish to seek services, call or write the VSP office nearest you to find one that does.
2. If you are eligible for Plan Benefits, VSP will provide Benefit Authorization directly to the Member Doctor. If you contact a Member Doctor directly, you must identify yourself as a VSP member so the doctor can obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP.
3. When such Benefit Authorization is provided by VSP, and services are performed prior to the expiration date of the Benefit Authorization, this will constitute a claim against the Policy in spite of your termination of coverage or the termination of the Policy. Should you receive services from a Member Doctor without such Benefit Authorization or obtain services from a Non-Member Doctor, you are responsible for payment in full to the provider.
4. You pay only the Copayment (if any) to a Member Doctor for services under this Policy. VSP will pay the Member Doctor directly according to its agreement with the doctor.

Note: If you are eligible for and obtain Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider, you should pay the provider his/her full fee. You will be reimbursed by VSP in accordance with the Non-Member Provider reimbursement schedule shown on the enclosed insert, less any applicable Copayments.

5. In emergency conditions, when immediate vision care of a medical nature such as for bodily trauma or disease is necessary, Covered Person can obtain covered services by contacting a Member Doctor (or Out-of-Network Provider if the attached Schedule of Benefits indicates Covered Person's Plan includes such coverage). No prior approval from VSP is required for Covered Person to obtain vision care for Emergency Conditions of a medical nature. However, services for medical conditions, including emergencies, are covered by VSP only under the Acute EyeCare and Primary EyeCare Plans. If coverage for one of these plans is not indicated on the attached Schedule of Benefits or Addendum, Covered Person is not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Person's medical insurance plan for care. For emergency conditions of a non-medical nature, such as lost, broken or stolen glasses, the Covered Person should contact VSP's Customer Service Department for assistance.

Emergency vision care is subject to the same benefit frequencies, plan allowances, Copayments and exclusions stated herein. Reimbursement to Member Doctors will be made in accordance with their agreement with VSP.

6. In the event of termination of a Member Doctor's membership in VSP, VSP will be liable to the Member Doctor for services rendered to you at the time of termination and permit Member Doctor to continue to provide you with Plan Benefits until the services are completed or until VSP makes reasonable and appropriate arrangements for the provision of such services by another Member Doctor.

BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

VSP authorizes Plan Benefits according to the latest eligibility information furnished to VSP by Covered Person's Group and the level of coverage (i.e. service frequencies, covered materials, reimbursement amounts, limitations, and exclusions) purchased for Covered Person by Group under this Policy. When Covered Person requests services under this Policy, Covered Person's prior utilization of Plan Benefits will be reviewed by VSP to determine if Covered Person is eligible for new services based upon Covered Person's Policy's level of coverage. Please refer to the attached Schedule of Benefits for a summary of the level of coverage provided to Covered Person by Group.

BENEFITS AND COVERAGES

Through its Member Doctors, VSP provides Plan Benefits to Covered Persons, subject to the limitations, exclusions, and Copayment(s) described herein. When you wish to obtain Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, you should contact the Member Doctor of your choice, identify yourself as a VSP member, and schedule an appointment. If you are eligible for Plan Benefits, VSP will provide Benefit Authorization for you directly to the Member Doctor prior to your appointment.

IMPORTANT: The benefits described below are typical services and materials available under most VSP plans. However, the actual Plan Benefits provided to you by your Group may be different. Refer to the attached Schedule of Benefits and/or Disclosure to determine your specific Plan Benefits.

- 1 Eye Examination: A complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated.
- 2 Lenses: The Member Doctor will order the proper lenses necessary for your visual welfare. The doctor shall verify the accuracy of the finished lenses.
- 3 Frames: The Member Doctor will assist in the selection of frames, properly fit and adjust the frames, and provide subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency.
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- 5 Contact lenses: Unless otherwise indicated on the enclosed insert, contact lenses are available under this Plan in lieu of all other lens and frame benefits described herein for the current eligibility period.

Necessary contact lenses, together with professional services, will be provided as indicated on the enclosed insert.

When Elective contact lenses are obtained from a Member Doctor, VSP will provide an allowance toward the cost of professional fees and materials as shown on the enclosed insert. A 15% discount shall also be applied to the Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting. Contact lens materials are provided at the Member Doctor's usual and customary charges.

- 6 If you elect to receive vision care services from a Member Doctor, Plan Benefits are provided subject only to your payment of any applicable Copayment. If your Plan includes Non-Member Provider coverage, and you choose to obtain Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider, you should pay the Non-Member Provider his/her full fee. VSP will reimburse you in accordance with the reimbursement schedule shown on the enclosed insert, less any applicable Copayment. **THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE SCHEDULE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE EXAMINATION OR THE MATERIALS.** Availability of services under the Non-Member Provider reimbursement schedule is subject to the same time limits and Copayments as those described for Member Doctor services. Services obtained from a Non-Member Provider are in lieu of obtaining services from a Member Doctor and count toward plan benefit frequencies.
- 7 Low Vision Services and Materials (applicable only if included in your Plan Benefits outlined on the enclosed insert): The Low Vision Benefit provides special aid for people who have acuity or visual field loss that cannot be corrected with regular lenses. If a Covered Person falls within this category, he or she will be entitled to professional services as well as ophthalmic materials, including but not limited to, supplemental testing, evaluations, visual training, low vision prescription services, plus optical and non-optical aids, subject to the frequency and benefit limitations as outlined on the enclosed insert. Consult your Member Doctor for details.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to you subject only to your payment of any applicable Copayment(s) as described in this booklet and on the enclosed insert. **ANY ADDITIONAL CARE, SERVICE AND/OR MATERIALS NOT COVERED BY THIS PLAN MAY BE ARRANGED BETWEEN YOU AND THE DOCTOR.**

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

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

This vision service plan is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials. If you select any of the following options, the Plan will pay the basic cost of the allowed lenses or frames, and you will be responsible for the option's extra cost, unless it is defined as a Plan Benefit in the Schedule of Benefits attached as Exhibit A to the Group Policy maintained by your Group Administrator.

- Optional cosmetic processes.
- Anti-reflective coating.
- Color coating.
- Mirror coating.
- Scratch coating.
- Blended lenses.
- Cosmetic lenses.
- Laminated lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses.
- Photochromic lenses, tinted lenses except Pink #1 and Pink #2.
- Progressive multifocal lenses.
- UV (ultraviolet) protected lenses.
- Certain limitations on low vision care.

NOT COVERED

There is no benefit under this plan for professional services or materials connected with:

1. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; plano lenses (less than $\pm .50$ diopter power); or two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals.
2. Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this plan which are lost or broken except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available.
3. Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
4. Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature.
5. Costs for services and/or materials above Plan Benefit allowances indicated on the enclosed insert.
6. Services/materials not indicated as covered Plan Benefits on the enclosed insert.

LIABILITY IN EVENT OF NON-PAYMENT

IN THE EVENT VSP FAILS TO PAY THE PROVIDER, YOU SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY SUMS OWED BY VSP OTHER THAN THOSE NOT COVERED BY THE POLICY.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

If Covered Person ever has a question or problem, Covered Person's first step is to call VSP's Customer Service Department. The Customer Service Department will make every effort to answer Covered Person's question and/or resolve the matter informally. If a matter is not initially resolved to the satisfaction of a Covered Person, the Covered Person may communicate a complaint or grievance to VSP orally or in writing by using the complaint form that may be obtained upon request from the Customer Service Department. Complaints and grievances include disagreements regarding access to care, or the quality of care, treatment or service. Covered Persons also have the right to submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning a complaint or grievance to assist in VSP's review. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) days after receipt, unless special circumstances require an extension of time. In that case, resolution shall be achieved as soon as possible, but no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after VSP's receipt of the complaint or grievance. If VSP determines that resolution cannot be achieved within thirty (30) days, a letter will be sent to the Covered Person to indicate VSP's expected resolution date. Upon final resolution, the Covered Person will be notified of the outcome in writing.

Claim Payments and Denials

A. Initial Determination: VSP will pay or deny claims within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the claim from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative. 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.

B. Request for Appeals: If a Covered Person's claim for benefits is denied by VSP in whole or in part, VSP will notify the Covered Person in writing of the reason or reasons for the denial. Within one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of such notice of denial of a claim, Covered Person may make a verbal or written request to VSP for a full review of such denial. The request should contain sufficient information to identify the Covered Person for whom a claim for benefits was denied, including the name of the VSP Enrollee, Member Identification Number of the VSP Enrollee, the

Covered Person's name and date of birth, the name of the provider of services and the claim number. The Covered Person may state the reasons the Covered Person believes that the claim denial was in error. The Covered Person may also provide any pertinent documents to be reviewed. VSP will review the claim and give the Covered Person the opportunity to review pertinent documents, submit any statements, documents, or written arguments in support of the claim, and appear personally to present materials or arguments. Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative should submit all requests for appeals to:

**VSP
Member Appeals
3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(800) 877-7195**

VSP's determination, 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 appeal from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative.

If Covered Person disagrees with VSP's determination, he/she may request a second level appeal within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the determination. VSP shall resolve any second level appeal within thirty (30) calendar days.

When Covered Person has completed all appeals mandated by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation and arbitration. Covered Person should contact the U. S. Department of Labor or the State insurance regulatory agency for details. Additionally, under ERISA (Section 502(a)(1)(B)) [29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(1)(B)], Covered Person has the right to bring a civil (court) action when all available levels of reviews of denied claims, including the appeal process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

TERMINATION OF BENEFITS

Cancellation conditions of your vision care Policy are shown on the enclosed insert. Plan Benefits will cease on the date of cancellation of this Policy whether the cancellation is by your Group or by VSP due to non-payment of Premium. If you are receiving service as of the termination date of the Policy, such service shall be continued to completion, but in no event beyond six (6) months after the termination date of the Policy.

INDIVIDUAL CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

This program is available to groups of a minimum of ten (10) employees and is, therefore, not available on an individual basis. When a Group terminates its coverage, individual coverage is not available for Enrollees who may desire to retain same.

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 available to an eligible Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available for purchase by said persons upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent COBRA applies, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE COMPANY

**3333 Quality Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

Group Name: CITY OF GULFPORT

Plan Number: 12332163

Effective Date: JANUARY 1, 2011

Plan Term: TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS

**VISION CARE PLAN
DISCLOSURE FORM AND EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE**

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR:

Cheryl Millender

(Name)

1410 24th Ave Fl 2

(Address)

Gulfport, MS 39501-2067

(City, State, Zip)

MONTHLY PREMIUM:

YOUR GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT TO VISION SERVICE PLAN OF THE PERIODIC CHARGES FOR YOUR COVERAGE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF YOUR SHARE OF THE CHARGES, IF ANY, BY YOUR GROUP.

ELIGIBILITY:

ENROLLEES & ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS: UNMARRIED DEPENDENT CHILDREN ARE COVERED TO THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY TURN AGE 26. THE WAITING PERIOD IS THE SAME AS YOUR OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS.

PLAN AND SCHEDULE:

VSP CHOICE PLAN

EXAMINATION: ONCE EVERY PLAN YEAR*

LENSES: ONCE EVERY PLAN YEAR*

FRAMES: ONCE EVERY TWO PLAN YEARS*

*PLAN YEAR BEGINS JANUARY 1ST.

TERM, TERMINATION AND RENEWAL:

AFTER THE POLICY TERM, THIS POLICY WILL CONTINUE ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS OR UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY GIVING THE OTHER SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE.

TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION:

BENEFITS ARE FURNISHED UNDER A VISION CARE PLAN PURCHASED BY THE GROUP AND PROVIDED BY VISION SERVICE PLAN (VSP) UNDER WHICH VSP IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

VSP'S ADDRESS IS:

VISION SERVICE PLAN
3333 QUALITY DRIVE
RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

GENERAL

This Schedule and any Additional Benefit Rider(s), when purchased by Group, attached hereto list the vision care services and vision care materials to which Covered Persons of VSP are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. Vision care services and vision care materials may be received from any licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or dispensing optician, whether Member Doctors or Non-Member Providers.

Member Doctors are those doctors who have agreed to participate in VSP's Choice Network.

When Plan Benefits are received from Member Doctors, benefits appearing in the first column below are applicable subject to any Copayment(s) as stated below. When Plan Benefits are received from Non-Member Providers, you are reimbursed for such benefits according to the schedule in the second column below less any applicable Copayment.

<u>PLAN BENEFITS</u>	<u>MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT</u>
<u>VISION CARE SERVICES</u>		
Vision Examination	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 45.00*
<u>VISION CARE MATERIALS</u>		
Lenses		
Single Vision	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 30.00*
Bifocal	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 50.00*
Trifocal	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 65.00*
Lenticular	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 100.00*
Frames	Covered up to Plan Allowance*	Up to \$ 70.00*
<u>CONTACT LENSES</u>		
Necessary		
Professional Fees and Materials	Covered in Full*	Up to \$ 210.00*
Elective		
Professional Fees** and Materials	Up to \$ 120.00	Up to \$ 105.00

Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider. Prior review and approval by VSP are not required for Covered Person to be eligible for Necessary Contact Lenses.

When contact lenses are obtained, the Covered Person shall not be eligible for lenses and frames again for one plan year.

*Subject to Copayment, if any.

**15% discount applies to Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting.

COPAYMENT

There shall be a Copayment of \$25.00 for the examination payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time services are rendered. If materials (lenses and frames) are provided, there shall be an additional \$25.00 Copayment payable at the time the materials are ordered. However, the Copayment for materials shall not apply to Elective Contact Lenses.

LOW VISION

Professional services for severe visual problems not corrected with regular lenses, including:

Supplemental Testing (includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated)	Covered in Full	Up to \$125.00
Supplemental Aids	75% of cost	75% of cost

Maximum allowable for all Low Vision benefits of \$1000.00 every two (2) years.

THIS EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE CONSTITUTES ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE VISION PLAN. THE VISION PLAN DOCUMENT MUST BE CONSULTED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE.

**ADDITIONAL BENEFIT RIDER
PRIMARY EYECARE PLAN**

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. This Rider forms a part of the Policy and Evidence of coverage to which it is attached.

The Primary EyeCare Plan is designed for the detection, treatment and management of ocular conditions and/or systemic conditions that produce ocular or visual symptoms. Under the Plan, Member Doctors provide treatment and management of urgent and follow-up services. Primary EyeCare also involves management of conditions that require monitoring to prevent future vision loss.

The Member Doctor is responsible for advising and educating patients on matters of general health and prevention of ocular disease. If consultation, treatment, and/or referral are necessary, it is the responsibility of the Member Doctor as a Primary EyeCare professional, to manage and coordinate on behalf of the patient to assure appropriateness of follow-up services.

Covered Persons with the following symptoms and/or conditions (see DEFINITIONS, below) will be covered for certain Primary EyeCare services in accordance with the optometric scope of licensure in the Member Doctor's state. This Rider forms a part of the Policy and Evidence of Coverage to which it is attached.

SYMPTOMS

Examples of symptoms which may result in a patient seeking services on an urgent basis under the Primary EyeCare Plan include, but are not limited to:

- ocular discomfort or pain
- transient loss of vision
- flashes or floaters
- ocular trauma
- diplopia
- recent onset of eye muscle dysfunction
- ocular foreign body sensation
- pain in or around the eyes
- swollen lids
- red eyes

CONDITIONS

Examples of conditions which may require management under the Primary EyeCare Plan include, but are not limited to:

- ocular hypertension
- retinal nevus
- glaucoma
- cataract
- pink-eye
- macular degeneration
- corneal dystrophy
- corneal abrasion
- blepharitis
- sty

See schedule below for Plan Benefits, payments and/or reimbursement subject to any Copayment(s) as stated.

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING PRIMARY EYECARE SERVICES

To obtain Primary EyeCare Services, the Covered Person contacts a Member Doctor's office and makes an appointment. If necessary, the Covered Person may first call VSP's Customer Service Department to determine the location of the nearest Member Doctor's office.

If urgent care is necessary, the Covered Person may be seen by a Member Doctor immediately.

The Covered Person pays the applicable Copayment to the Member Doctor at the time of each Primary EyeCare office visit, and for any additional services not covered by the Plan.

Upon completion of the services, the Member Doctor will submit the required claim information to VSP. VSP will pay the Member Doctor directly in accordance with VSP's agreement with the doctor.

See schedule below for Plan Benefits, payments and/or reimbursement subject to any Copayment(s) as stated.

COPAYMENT

A Copayment amount of \$20.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time of each Primary EyeCare office visit.

REFERRALS BY THE MEMBER DOCTOR

The Member Doctor will refer the Covered Person to another doctor under the following circumstances:

If the Covered Person requires additional services which are covered by the Primary EyeCare Plan but can not be provided in the Member Doctor's office, the doctor will refer the Covered Person to another Member Doctor or to the Group's major medical physician whose offices provide the necessary services.

If the Covered Person requires services beyond the scope of the Primary EyeCare Plan, the Member Doctor will refer the Covered Person to the Group's major medical physician.

If the Covered Person requires emergency services beyond the scope of the Primary EyeCare Plan, the Member Doctor will make an urgent referral by calling either another Member Doctor or the Group's major medical physician.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

The Primary EyeCare Plan is designed to cover Primary EyeCare services only. There is no coverage provided under the Policy for the following:

- Costs associated with securing materials such as lenses and frames.
- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- Surgical or pathological treatment.
- Any eye examination, or any corrective eyewear required by an employer as a condition of employment.
- Medication.
- Pre- and post-operative services.
- Services and/or materials not indicated on this Rider as covered Plan Benefits.

DEFINITIONS

Blepharitis	Inflammation of the eyelids.
Cataract	A cloudiness of the lens of the eye obstructing vision.
Conjunctiva	The mucous membrane that lines the inner surface of the eyelids and is continued over the forepart of the eye.
Corneal Abrasion	Irritation of the transparent, outermost layer of the eye.
Corneal Dystrophy	A disorder involving nervous and muscular tissue of the transparent, outermost layer of the eye.
Diplopia	The observance by a person of seeing double images of an object
Eye Muscle Dysfunction	A disorder or weakness of the muscles that control the eye movement.
Flashes or Floaters	The observance by a person of seeing flashing lights and/or spots.
Glaucoma	A disease of the eye marked by increased pressure within the eye which causes damage to the optic disc and gradual loss of vision.
Macula	The small, sensitive area of the central retina, which provides vision for fine work and reading.
Macular Degeneration	An acquired degenerative disease which affects the central retina.
Ocular	Of or pertaining to the eye or the eyesight.
Ocular Conditions	Any condition, problem, or complaint relating to the eyes or eyesight.
Ocular Hypertension	Unusually high blood pressure within the eye.
Ocular Trauma	A forceful injury to the eye due to a foreign object.
Pink eye	An acute, highly contagious inflammation of the conjunctiva.
Retinal Nevus	A pigmented birthmark on the sensory membrane lining the eye that receives the image formed by the lens.
Systemic Condition	Any condition or problem relating to a person's general health.
Sty	An inflamed swelling of the fatty material at the margin of the eyelid.
Transient Loss of Vision	Temporary loss of vision.