

# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:ags@aao.org)

[http://www.americanglaucomasociety.net/patients/ags\\_cares\\_indigent\\_care\\_glaucoma\\_surgery](http://www.americanglaucomasociety.net/patients/ags_cares_indigent_care_glaucoma_surgery)

*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.*

**211 West Wacker Drive  
Suite 1700  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
800.331.2020  
[PreventBlindness.org](http://PreventBlindness.org)**



### 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](http://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.*

### Genentech Access Solutions

Phone: (888) 249-4918 or  
(866) 422-2377  
Fax: (888) 249-4919

[www.genentech-access.com/avastin/hcp](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

### 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](http://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](http://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® Access Solutions

Phone: (866) 724-9394 or  
(866) 422-2377  
Fax: (866) 724-9412

[accessolutionsluc-d@gene.com](mailto:accessolutionsluc-d@gene.com)  
[www.genentech-access.com/lucentis/patients](http://www.genentech-access.com/lucentis/patients)

*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](http://www.medicaid.gov)

*Information and assistance can be found at the [Medicaid.gov](http://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.*

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### Medicare

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

*Medicare beneficiaries, family members, and caregivers can visit [Medicare.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

### NeedyMeds

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

### Partnership for Prescription Assistance

1100 15th Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (888) 477-2669  
Fax: (202) 835-3414  
[www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

*This website is designed to help people find patient assistance programs for which they may qualify.*

### Patient Access Network Foundation

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

The PAN Foundation offers over 60 disease-specific assistance programs to help patients pay for their out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance, travel expenses and health insurance premiums.

### Sight for Students, a Vision Service Plan (VSP)

Phone: (800) 877-7195  
[www.sightforstudents.org](http://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.*