

Low Vision Benefit State of Ohio

EyeMed offers a Low Vision benefit for your member population with severe visual problems. Severe visual problem is defined as corrected acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with best conventional spectacle or contact lens prescription, a demonstrated constriction of the peripheral fields in the better eye to 10 degrees or less from the fixation point or the widest diameter subtends an angle less than 20 degrees in the better eye.

Benefit	Preferred Provider	Non-Preferred Provider
Supplemental Testing Low Vision Aids	Covered in Full 25% Copayment up to \$1,000	Up to \$125 Allowance 25% Copayment up to \$1,000 Allowance

Benefit Period:

24-month Benefit Period for Low Vision Supplemental Testing

24-month Benefit Period for Low Vision Aids

Low Vision Supplemental Testing means diagnostic evaluation beyond the comprehensive eye examination and includes a history of functional difficulties that involves such things as reading, activities in the kitchen, glare problems, travel vision, the workplace, television viewing, school requirements, and hobbies and interests. Preliminary tests may include assessment of ocular functions such as color vision and contrast sensitivity. Measurements will be taken of the person's visual acuity using special low vision test charts, which include a larger range of letters or numbers to more accurately determine a starting point for determining the level of impairment. Visual fields may also be evaluated. A specialized refraction must be performed with each eye thoroughly examined. The eye care professional may prescribe various treatment options, including low vision aides, as well as assist the person with identifying other resources for vision and lifestyle rehabilitation.

Low Vision Aids are classified as follows:

Spectacle-mounted magnifiers - A magnifying lens is mounted in spectacles (this type of system is called a microscope) or on a special headband. This allows use of both hands for close-up tasks, such as reading.

Hand held or spectacle-mounted telescopes - These miniature telescopes are useful for seeing longer distances, such as across the room to watch television, and can also be modified for near (reading) tasks.

Hand-held and stand magnifiers - These can serve as supplements to other specialized systems. They are convenient for short term reading such things as price tags, labels, and instrument dials. Both types can be equipped with lights.

Video magnification - Table-top (closed-circuit television) or head-mounted systems enlarge reading material on a video display. Some systems can be used for distance viewing tasks. These are portable systems, and can be used with a computer or computer display. Image brightness, image size, contrast, and foreground/background color and illumination can be customized.