



SENIORS EYECARE PROGRAM

- WHAT** The Seniors EyeCare Program* ensures that every senior has access to medical eye care and promotes annual, dilated eye exams. It raises awareness about age-related eye disease, including cataracts, provides free eye care educational materials and facilitates access to eye care - at no out-of-pocket cost.
- WHY** By age 65, one in three Americans has some form of vision impairing eye disease. Most do not know it because there are often no warning symptoms or they assume that poor sight is a natural part of growing older. By detecting and treating eye disease early through annual, dilated eye exams, seniors can preserve their sight.
- WHO** The Seniors EyeCare Program is designed for people who:
- Are US citizens or legal residents
 - Are age 65 and older
 - Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
 - Do not belong to an HMO or the VA
- People eligible for a referral through the program receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of treatment – at no out-of-pocket cost – for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive care at no charge.
- HOW** People may call the toll-free helpline at 800-222-EYES anytime, for themselves and/or family members and friends, to request free eye care educational materials and determine if they qualify for care from one of EyeCare America's 7,500+ volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.
- OTHER SERVICES** EyeCare America offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify. Callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services. Callers who have not had an eye exam in the past 12 months and are at increased risk for glaucoma may be eligible for a glaucoma eye exam through our Glaucoma EyeCare Program.
- EXCLUDED** Eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital services, fees of other medical professionals
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24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

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A public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, EyeCare America's mission is to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment through education and public service.

*Formerly known as the National Eye Care Project (NECP)