

Providing Access to Care for Seniors

WHAT EyeCare America provides eye care at no cost to those who qualify through its corps of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists (EyeMDs) nationwide. To see if you qualify, visit their Online Referral Center at www.eyecareamerica.org.

WHY One-in-three Americans has some form of vision impairing eye disease by age 65, and nearly three million people of all ages have glaucoma. Most people do not know it either because there are often no early warning symptoms or they assume that poor sight is a natural part of growing older. Detecting and treating eye disease early through annual, dilated eye exams can prevent unnecessary vision loss and preserve sight well into the future.

WHO Through its Online Referral Center, the Seniors EyeCare Program offers two types of services based on qualifications.

Service I for:

- US citizens or legal residents
- Age 65 or older
- Have not seen an EyeMD in three or more years.
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care through the Veteran's Administration

These patients may be eligible to receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists waive co-payments and unmet deductibles, and accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive this care at no charge.

Service II for:

- US Citizens or Legal Residents
- Increased risk for glaucoma (determined by their age, race and family history)
- Those who have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more.

These patients may be eligible to receive a free glaucoma eye exam if they are uninsured. Those who are eligible and insured will be billed for the exam and are responsible for any co-payments.

HOW Visit www.eyecareamerica.org for more information or to see if you qualify for a referral to one of EyeCare America's 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.

EXCLUDED Eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital services, and fees of other medical professionals

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