Introduction

This vision benefit program is designed to help Student Bar Association members (i.e. you) meet vision care expenses and to encourage you to include eye health and vision care as part of your regular healthcare routine.

This program provides significant savings for eye health and vision expenses for you and your eligible dependents. This program offers specific professional services savings and discounts on materials obtained from The Eye Center (TEC).

The Eye Center at Southern College of Optometry (SCO) has been specifically designed to provide the highest quality vision care in a state-of-the-art teaching facility. Enjoying a renowned reputation for excellence in patient care, TEC and SCO are home to some of the country’s most celebrated doctors. Our doctors train interns and residents in the latest technologies for the diagnosis and treatment of visual system disorders.

The Student Bar Association Vision Benefit Program (SBAVBP) has been designed to present an opportunity for students of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law to participate in this leading-edge training while creating an affordable alternative for eye health and vision care.

Regular eye health and vision care should be an essential part of any family’s approach to health care. Each year, more than 78,000 individuals choose our doctors for their expertise and special attention to patient care. Providing a full range of services, from primary care including prescriptions for spectacles and contact lenses to the management of chronic eye health disorders, our reputation for excellence is unparalleled. We also house the largest Optical showroom in the Mid-South with trained opticians to assist you in eye wear selection.
Access to Services and Materials

To access services, simply call TEC at 901-722-3250 or visit us on-line at www.eyecentermemphis.com and request an appointment. Let us know at the time you schedule your appointment that you are a member of the Student Bar Association Vision Benefit Program (SBAVBP) or type that into the comments field of the on-line appointment request form.

The SBAVBP does not issue identification cards. Cards are presented to you through the Student Bar Association. To access services, simply present for your appointment with a valid Student Bar Association Discount Card, school identification card and/or driver’s license. If verification of identity cannot be established at the time of the appointment, no services will be provided.

You must have an appointment to receive services. No “walk-ins” are allowed for Vision Care Services with the exception of truly emergent/urgent care due to an illness or accident.

Contact Lens Mail Service Program

The Eye Center has a telephone service available which allows patients to order replacement contact lenses once you have established a relationship with one of our doctors. You can re-order your disposable or frequent replacement contacts by calling 901-722-3250. In the near future we will also have an on-line order option available by visiting www.eyecentermemphis.edu and going to the Cornea and Contact Lens Services page.

Payment for Services

When you receive services under the SBAVBP, payment is expected on the day of your visit for all professional services received. For eyeglasses (i.e. frames and lenses), a deposit is required to order the materials. Fifty percent of the cost of the materials must be received as a deposit before we can fabricate or place an order. Glasses and contact lenses are medically necessary devices that are specifically fabricated for your unique needs. Balance is due at the time you pick up your glasses. With regard to contact lenses, payment in full is required for us to place your order or supply you with contacts.

Benefits Summary

This program offers significant savings on professional services and discounts on materials purchased, including dress glasses, sports specs, safety eyewear, non-prescription sunglasses and even contact lenses and accessories. The program is available to Student Bar Association members and their family (i.e. dependents – spouses and children). There is no “doubling” or combining discounts for dependents who may have other coverage.

— Comprehensive Eye Health and Vision Exam every 12 months:

20% savings on Professional Service (applies only to individuals who do not have other vision or major medical insurance that may cover the services provided. All applicable co-pays and/or deductibles must be paid by patient at the time of service).
— Prescription Glasses every 12 months:
  20% discount when a complete pair of glasses is purchased, 30% discount on
  second or multiple pairs (includes prescription sunglasses).

— Non-Prescription Sunglasses every 12 months:
  20% discount, limit two pair per benefit period.

— Contact Lens Exam every 12 months:
  20% savings on Professional Service (Comprehensive, “new fits” and “re-fits”
  applies only to individuals who do not have other vision or major medical
  insurance that may cover the services provided. All applicable co-pays and/or
  deductibles must be paid by patient at the time of service).

— Contact Lens Office Visits/Progress Exams up to 90 days following Lens Fitting
  No charge when in conjunction with “new fit” (10% savings on Professional
  Service when unrelated problem or not in conjunction with “new fit”)

Exclusions
The following services and/or materials are excluded under the Vision plan.
- Vision therapy
- Replacement/repair of lost/broken lenses or frames
- Surgical treatment
- Services or materials covered under another vision insurance or major
  medical insurance
- Eye examinations required as a condition of employment
- Services covered under worker’s compensation

Eligibility for Coverage

Actively Enrolled Student
If you are an actively enrolled full or part-time student at the U of M Cecil C. Humphreys
School of Law you are eligible for services and materials.

Dependent Eligibility
Your eligible dependents include your spouse, domestic partner and each of your
unmarried natural children younger than age 19. Proof of relationship is required and the
Student Bar Association Discount Card must be provided on the day of the appointment
and for ordering of materials.

In addition to your natural children, a child who lives with you in a parent-child relationship
will be considered eligible if he/she is placed in your home for legal adoption, or is a legally
adopted child, stepchild or foster child.

For the purposes of this program, an eligible foster child is a child for whom you or your
spouse has assumed legal responsibility and control. Proof of relationship, whether legal or
natural is required at the time of all appointments and parental consent must be obtained
prior to any services being provided (see www.eyecentermemphis.edu under “about your
appointment” for details).
Coverage Termination

Your SBAVBP coverage will end on the earlier of the following dates:

• Coverage will end on the last day of the month of the graduation date.
• When you cease being actively enrolled as a student at the Humphreys School of Law.
• When the School terminates their participation.
• When your relationship with the School ends either by choice or not.
• In the event of enactment of rules or regulations at the State, Federal or Local level that prevents SCO from continuing to offer such benefits as promoted, then SCO reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions hereof immediately and without notice.

Your dependent’s coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

• When the individual no longer meets the definition of a dependent.
• When your coverage terminates.

Confidentiality of Information

A federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), requires that health care providers protect the confidentiality of your private health information. A complete description of your rights under HIPAA can be found at our website, www.tec.sco.edu.

The Southern College of Optometry, its doctors and/or staff, will not use or further disclose information that is protected by HIPAA (“protected health information”) except as necessary for treatment, payment, health plan operations and plan administration, or as permitted or required by law. By law, we have required all of our business associates to also observe HIPAA’s privacy rules as outlined for use in the Vision Care Service or The Eye Center.

In particular, The Eye Center will not, without authorization, disclose protected health information for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of your academic institution or employer. Under HIPAA, you have certain rights with respect to your protected health information, including certain rights to see and copy the information, receive an accounting of certain disclosures of the information and, under certain circumstances, amend the information. You also have the right to file a complaint with The Eye Center through our Compliance Officer or with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your rights under HIPAA have been violated.

The Eye Center maintain a privacy notice, which provides a complete description of your rights under HIPAA’s privacy rules. For a copy of the notice, visit our website at www.tec.sco.edu or contact your Campus Benefits Representative.

Your Participation, Our Privilege

Through your School’s willingness to offer our SBAVBP to you, they are demonstrating their commitment to you as a valued student. Through your participation in our SBAVBP, you are acknowledging the importance of eye health and vision care for yourself and your family. By providing you and your family with care, we are privileged to be a part of your health care team. You are about to discover why so many Mid-Southerners trust the doctors and interns at The Eye Center and Southern College of Optometry for all their families eye health and vision care needs.

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