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Contact Lenses

Blue Cross Blue Shield FEP Vision Section 5 Vision Services and Supplies

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Benefit Description

Contact Lenses: covered once every calendar year – in lieu of eyeglasses.

*Note: Additional discounts are available from in-network independent providers. In-network national and online retailers do not offer the discount.

**Note: Pre-authorization is required.

High Option - You Pay

In-Network: Expenses in excess of a \$150 allowance. Additionally, a 15% discount applies to any amount over \$150.*

The evaluation, fitting and follow-up care is covered in full for Non-Specialty contact lenses. For Specialty lenses (including, but not limited to, toric, multifocal and gas permeable lenses), you receive \$60 toward the contact lens evaluation and fitting, plus a 15% discount off the balance over \$60*. Participating providers will bill you for anything over the \$60 less the discount so you do not have to file a claim.

Expenses in excess of \$600 for medically necessary contact lenses.**

Out-of-Network: Expenses in excess of fee schedule allowance of: \$75 elective contact lenses \$225 medically necessary contact lenses

Standard Option - You Pay

In-Network: Expenses in excess of a \$140 allowance. Additionally, a 15% discount applies to any amount over \$140.*

The cost of the evaluation, fitting and follow-up care is **not** covered. The remaining balance of a \$140 allowance after purchasing contact lenses may be applied toward the cost of evaluation, materials,

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fitting, and follow up care.

Participating providers usually charge separately for the evaluation, fitting, or follow-up care relating to contact lenses. When this occurs and the value of the Contact Lenses received is less than the allowance, you may submit a claim for the remaining balance (the combined reimbursement will not exceed \$140).

Expenses in excess of \$600 for medically necessary contact lenses.**

Out-of-Network: All charges