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Keeping an eye on the vision health of our members with diabetes

One out of every 12 people you talk to every day¹ has diabetes. And the cost of treating diabetes is growing rapidly – up more than 40% in the last five years². This disease can damage the blood vessels of the eyes, raising the risk of glaucoma, cataracts and retinal damage. In fact, diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in adults.²

Ongoing vision care can make a positive difference in the health of diabetics. And early detection and treatment can reduce the risk of vision loss.

We always recommend that our members receive an annual eye exam, but for those with diabetes, more frequent monitoring might be necessary. Regular eye exams can help detect ocular changes caused by diabetes early, so that employees can prevent vision loss by getting treatment sooner.

Diabetic Eye Care Benefit includes:

- ▶ An office visit and diagnostic testing once every six months to monitor signs of diabetic ocular changes
- ▶ Diagnostic tests such as gonioscopy, extended ophthalmology, fundus photography and scanning laser that are all covered and offered at the provider's direction

EyeMed diabetic eye care:



EyeMed's Diabetic Eye Care Benefit is for members with diabetes. Whether it is type 1 or 2, we understand the important links between diabetes and vision. That's why it is

so important for us to offer vision care options that meet the needs of members who may have special vision concerns.

Diabetic eye care. One reason we're America's fastest growing vision benefit company.

¹Data from the 2014 National Diabetes Statistics Report (released Oct. 14, 2014).

²Diabetes Care, "Economic Costs of Diabetes in the U.S. in 2012," April 2013.