

# **Vision Resource Guide**

# **EyeCare America**

Seniors Program: Eligible seniors 65+, medical eye exam, often at no-cost.

Glaucoma Program: no-cost glaucoma eye exam for those eligible and uninsured, those with insurance may be eligible to be connected with a provider but responsible for co-payments.

- **1-877-887-6327**
- https://www.aao.org/eyecare-america

# Heritage for the Blind

Search tools for 55+ visually impaired adults to connect with benefits, programs, and physicians.

- **\$ 800-236-6283**
- https://www.hftb.org/

## **InfantSEE**

Program to provide no-cost assessments for children 6-12 months for vision and eye disorders. Visit link to search for a provider near you: <a href="https://www.infantsee.org/find-a-doctor?sso=y">https://www.infantsee.org/find-a-doctor?sso=y</a>

- No direct phone line for program
- # https://www.infantsee.org/?sso=y

# National Service Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Provides direct library services to individuals and institutions who cannot utilize traditional print due to vision impairment and other handicaps or disabilities. Must complete and submit application: <a href="https://librarycommission.wv.gov/Special-">https://librarycommission.wv.gov/Special-</a>

Services/Documents/Special%20Services%20Application%202020.pdf

- (304) 558-4061 or 888-657-7323
- https://librarycommission.wv.gov/special-services/Pages/default.aspx

## New Eyes for the Needy

Provides new prescription glasses for eligible US individuals. Must have financial need (household income below 250% of federal poverty guidelines) and a prescription from the last 24 months. \$10 application fee.

- 973-376-4903
- https://new-eyes.org/

## The Seeing Hand Association

Offers specialized services for blind and visually impaired individuals, including low-vision products, home assessment, orientation and mobility, share group, recreation activities, braille, computer lessons, and employment.

- (304) 232-4810
- https://seeinghandassociation.com/

#### **VISIONS**

Independent living program for eligible seniors with vision loss. In-home services provided for WV seniors 55+, who do not work, that have a permanent visual impairment affecting daily living activities.

- **1-800-642-3021 (hotline)**
- https://wvdrs.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.displaystory&groupID=84&itemid=37



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### **WV DHHR Bureau for Medical Services**

The Bureau for Medical Services administers Medicaid and CHIP; eligibility varies by Medicaid type. Some vision services are covered under Medicaid and CHIP.

- **1-877-716-1212**
- https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Members/Apply/Pages/default.aspx

# **WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation**

Vision assistance can be provided for eyeglasses, vision surgery, and low vision devices. The process and eligibility varies depending on the type of assistance, visit http://www.wvsight.org/vision-assistance-1.html for details or contact your local Lions Club.

- Contact local Lions Club (Moundsville: Chairperson Vision Program Gene Saunders, bigu11@yahoo.com)
- http://www.wvsight.org/vision-assistance-1.html

# **West Virginia Health Right**

Offers vision care (annual dilated eye exams, specialist referrals, treatment for certain eye diseases, affordable glasses) to eligible patients. Eligible individuals are those with low-income, who are uninsured, underinsured, or receive Medicaid/Medicare. Availability varies, visit <a href="https://wvhealthright.org/vision/">https://wvhealthright.org/vision/</a> for more information.

- **304-414-5930**
- https://wvhealthright.org/vision/

# WVU Eye Institute- Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program

Outreach and visual rehabilitation services for school-aged children with identified visual impairments; children are referred to the program and services through the local school system and Department of Education.

- **\** 304-598-6925
- https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/childrens-vision-rehabilitation-program-cvrp/

# WVU Eye Institute- Appalachian Vision Outreach Program

Program travels around the state to offer eye care to those who have geographical or financial obstacles. Visit <a href="https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/appalachian-vision-outreach-program-avop/">https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/appalachian-vision-outreach-program-avop/</a> to view upcoming dates and locations.

- **\** 304-598-4820
- ## https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/appalachian-vision-outreach-program-avop/

# WVU Eye Institute- Adult Low Vision Program

Program for adults with low vision (visual impairment that can't be corrected with glasses). Prior to scheduling a low vision appointment, adults must be seen and referred by a WVU Eye Institute physician.

- **\$ 304-598-4820**
- https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/adult-low-vision-program/

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