VISION SERVICE PLAN
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GROUP VISION CARE PLAN
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

Group Name	**COUNTY OF EL DORADO**
Plan Number	**00112374**
State of Delivery	**CALIFORNIA**
Effective Date	**JULY 1, 2008**
Plan Term	**THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS**
Administrative Fee Due Date	**FIRST DAY OF MONTH**

In consideration of the statements and agreements contained in the Group Application and in consideration of payment by Group of the administrative fees and other amounts due as herein provided, VISION SERVICE PLAN ("VSP") agrees to provide certain individuals under this Group Vision Care Plan ("Plan") the benefits provided herein, subject to the exceptions, limitations and exclusions hereinafter set forth. This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the State of Delivery and is subject to the terms and conditions recited on the subsequent pages hereof, which are a part of this Plan.

Gary Brooks, Senior Vice President, Operations

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I.
DEFINITIONS

Key terms used in this Plan are defined and shall have the meaning set forth as follows, unless the context of a term's usage clearly requires otherwise.

1.01 **ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**: The payments made to VSP by or on behalf of Group in consideration of administrative services rendered.

1.02. **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROGRAM**: A group vision care plan whereby Group pays VSP for the Plan Benefits in addition to a monthly Administrative Fee.

1.03. **ADVANCE PAYMENT**: The amount paid in advance to VSP by or on behalf of Group to cover the estimated benefit costs of Group for one (1) month.

1.04. **BENEFIT AUTHORIZATION**: Authorization issued by VSP identifying the individual named as a Covered Person of VSP, and identifying those Plan Benefits to which Covered Person is entitled.

1.05. **CLAIMS AMOUNT**: Total charges for benefits delivered, including the cost of professional services and ophthalmic materials, charges for VSP services related to materials purchased, and taxes.

1.06. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**: All confidential or personal information concerning the medical, personal, financial or business affairs of Covered Persons acquired in the course of providing Plan Benefits hereunder.

1.07. **COPAYMENTS**: Any amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered.

1.08. **COVERED PERSON**: An Enrollee or Eligible Dependent who meets VSP's eligibility criteria and who is covered under this Plan.

1.09. **ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT**: Any legal dependent of an Enrollee of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility established by Group and approved by VSP in Article VI of this Plan under which such Enrollee is covered.

1.10. **EMERGENCY CONDITION**: A condition, with sudden onset and acute symptoms, that requires the Covered Person to obtain immediate medical care, or an unforeseen occurrence calling for immediate, non-medical action.

1.11. **ENROLLEE**: An employee or member of Group who meets the criteria for eligibility specified under VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE.

1.12. **EXPERIMENTAL NATURE**: Procedure or lens that is not used universally or accepted by the vision care profession, as determined by VSP.

1.13. **GROUP**: An employer or other entity which contracts with VSP for coverage under this Plan in order to provide vision care coverage to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents.

1.14. **GROUP APPLICATION**: The form signed by an authorized representative of the Group to signify the Group's intention to have its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents become Covered Persons of VSP.

1.15. **GROUP VISION CARE PLAN (also, "THE PLAN")**: The Plan provided by VSP in favor of a Group, under which its Enrollees, and their Eligible Dependents are entitled to become Covered Persons of VSP and receive Plan Benefits in accordance with the terms of such Plan.

1.16. **MEMBER DOCTOR**: An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials on behalf of Covered Persons of VSP.

1.17. **NON-MEMBER PROVIDER**: Any optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist, or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons of VSP.

1.18. **PLAN BENEFITS**: The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under this Plan, as defined in the Schedule of Benefits attached hereto as Exhibit A.

1.19. **RENEWAL DATE**: The date on which the Plan shall renew, or terminate if proper notice is given.

1.20. **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which lists the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of this Plan.

1.21. **SCHEDULE OF ADVANCE PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE**: The document, attached hereto as Exhibit B, which states the payments to be made to VSP by or on behalf of a Covered Person to entitle him to Plan Benefits.

1.22. **VISUALLY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE**: Services and materials medically or visually necessary to restore or maintain a patient's visual acuity and health and for which there is no less expensive professionally acceptable alternative, as determined by VSP.

II.
TERM, TERMINATION, AND RENEWAL

2.01. **Plan Term:** This Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect for the Plan Term. At the end of the Plan Term, it will renew on a month to month basis unless either party notifies the other in writing, at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Plan Term, that the party is unwilling to renew the Plan. If such notice is given, the Plan will terminate at 12:00 midnight on the last day of the Plan Term, unless the parties reach mutual agreement on its renewal. If the Plan continues on a month to month basis after the Plan Term, either Party may thereafter terminate the Plan upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party.

If VSP issues written renewal materials to Group at least sixty (60) days before the end of the Plan Term and Group fails to accept the new terms and/or rates in writing prior to the end of the Plan Term, this Plan shall terminate at 12:00 midnight on the last day of the Plan Term as noted above.

2.02. **Termination**: In the event of termination of this Plan by either party, Group agrees to provide funds for payment of the Claims Amount associated with Plan Benefits provided pursuant to Benefit Authorizations issued prior to the Plan termination date, provided claims for such Plan Benefits are filed with VSP within six (6) months after termination of this Plan.

III.
OBLIGATIONS OF VSP

3.01. **Coverage of Covered Persons:** VSP will enroll each eligible Enrollee and his Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided, all of whom shall be referred to as "Covered Persons." To institute coverage, Group may be required to complete and sign a Group Application and forward such application to VSP, along with information regarding Enrollees and Eligible Dependents, and applicable amounts due. (Refer to VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE for further details.)

Following enrollment, VSP will provide Group with Member Benefit Summaries for Covered Persons. Such Member Benefit Summaries will summarize the terms and conditions of this Plan.

3.02. **Provision of Plan Benefits:** Through its Member Doctors (or through other licensed vision care providers in cases where a Covered Person is eligible for, and chooses to receive Plan Benefits from a Non-Member Provider) VSP shall provide Covered Persons such Plan Benefits listed in the Schedule of Benefits, Exhibit A hereto, as may be Visually Necessary or Appropriate, subject to any limitations, exclusions, or Copayments therein stated.

Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to a Covered Person obtaining Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person desires to receive Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor, the Covered Person must schedule an appointment and identify himself as a VSP Covered Person in order for the Member Doctor to obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. VSP shall provide Benefit Authorization to the Member Doctor to authorize the provision of Plan Benefits to the Covered Person. Each Benefit Authorization will contain an expiration date, allowing a specific period of time for the Covered Person to obtain Plan Benefits. Benefit Authorization shall be issued by VSP in accordance with the latest eligibility information

furnished by Group and the Covered Person's past service utilization, if any. Any Benefit Authorization so issued by VSP shall constitute a certification to the Member Doctor that payment will be made. VSP shall not be held liable to Group for any Benefit Authorization issued in error in reliance on the latest eligibility information available to VSP as provided by the Group.

VSP shall pay or deny claims for Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons, less any applicable Copayment, within a reasonable time but not more than thirty (30) calendar days after VSP has received a completed claim, unless special circumstances require additional time. In such cases, VSP may obtain an extension of fifteen (15) calendar days of this time limit by providing notice to the claimant of the reasons for the extension.

3.03. **Determination of Visual Necessity:** Plan Benefits are covered only when they are deemed Visually Necessary or Appropriate for the proper treatment of a Covered Person's condition. Questions involving necessity or appropriateness of treatment shall be decided by the doctor responsible for the Covered Person's care and are subject to review and final determination by VSP. Any objections of a Covered Person regarding such decisions may be made to VSP in accordance with VSP's grievance procedures (See Paragraphs 5.05 and 5.06).

3.04. **Provision of Information to Covered Persons:** Upon request, VSP will make available to Covered Persons necessary information describing Plan Benefits and procedures. A copy of this Plan will be placed with Group. The Plan will also be available at the offices of VSP for copying or inspection by Covered Persons. VSP shall provide Group with an updated list twice annually of Member Doctors' names, addresses, and telephone numbers for distribution to Covered Persons. Covered Persons may also obtain a copy of the latest Member Doctor list

by contacting VSP's Customer Service Department in writing or via the toll-free Customer Service telephone line, or by visiting VSP's Web site at www.vsp.com.

3.05. **Preservation of Confidentiality:** VSP will hold in strict confidence all Confidential Matters. VSP will also exercise its best efforts to prevent any of its employees, Member Doctors, or agents, from disclosing any Confidential Matter. An exception would be if disclosure is necessary to enable any of the above to perform their obligations under this Plan, including but not limited to sharing information with medical information bureaus, or as may otherwise be required by law. Covered Persons and/or Groups that want more information on VSP's Confidentiality Policy may obtain a copy of the policy by contacting VSP's Customer Service Department or by visiting VSP's Web site at www.vsp.com.

3.06. **Emergency Vision Care**: When vision care is necessary for Emergency Conditions, Covered Persons may obtain Plan Benefits by contacting a Member Doctor or Out-of-Network Provider. No prior approval from VSP is required for Covered Person to obtain vision care for Emergency Conditions of a medical nature. However, services for medical conditions, including emergencies, are covered by VSP only under the Acute EyeCare and Supplemental Primary EyeCare Plans. If Group has not purchased one of these plans, Covered Persons are not covered by VSP for medical services and should contact a physician under Covered Persons' medical insurance plans for care. For emergency conditions of a non-medical nature, such as lost, broken or stolen glasses, the Covered Person should contact VSP's Customer Service Department for assistance. Reimbursement and eligibility are subject to the terms of this Plan.

IV.
OBLIGATIONS OF THE GROUP

4.01. **Identification of Eligible Enrollees:** An Enrollee is eligible for coverage under this Plan, if he satisfies the enrollment criteria specified in Paragraph 6.01(a) and/or as mutually agreed to by VSP and Group. Group shall provide monthly eligibility information to VSP in a mutually agreed upon format and medium to identify all Enrollees who are eligible for coverage under this Plan. Group will supply to VSP, on or before the last day of each month, eligibility information sufficient to identify all Enrollees to be added to or deleted from VSP's coverage rosters for the coming month. The eligibility information shall include designation of family status for each such Enrollee, if dependent coverage is provided. Group shall, when requested, make available for inspection by VSP records having a bearing on the coverage of Covered Persons under this Plan.

4.02. **Claims Amounts and Advance of Payment:** Group shall provide all funds necessary to pay the Claims Amount associated with Covered Persons pursuant to this Plan. In order to assure timely and adequate payment, Group agrees to make an Advance Payment as outlined on the attached Schedule of Advance Payment and Administrative Fee, Exhibit B. This Advance Payment is an estimate of the Claims Amount for one (1) month. Group agrees to pay the actual Claims Amounts on a monthly basis within ten (10) days after receipt of VSP's statement. The Advance Payment amount may be adjusted each Plan Term if the average of monthly Claims Amount increases or decreases. The parties agree that such Advance Payment is reimbursable to the Group upon termination of this Plan, after the Group's indebtedness to VSP and/or its benefit providers has been satisfied. However, amounts paid to VSP as Advance Payment shall not be considered assets of the Group, and need not be held in trust by VSP.

4.03. **Administrative Fee:** Additionally, on or before the first day of each month, Group shall remit to VSP an Administrative Fee as outlined on the attached Schedule of Advance Payment and Administrative Fee, Exhibit B. Change will not be made to the Administrative Fee during any Plan Term unless there is a change in the Schedule of Benefits or a material change in any other terms and conditions of the Plan, provided any such change is mutually agreed upon in writing between VSP and Group.

Notwithstanding the above, VSP reserves the right to increase amounts due hereunder during a Plan Term by the amount of any tax or assessment not now in effect which is subsequently levied by any taxing authority, which is attributable to the amount due VSP from Group.

4.04. **Grace Period:** Group shall be allowed a grace period of thirty-one (31) days following the due date for making any payment of amounts due under this Plan. During the grace period, this Plan will remain in full force and effect for all Covered Persons. Late payments will be considered by VSP at the time of Plan renewal and may impact Group's Advance Payment and Administrative Fees in future Plan Terms.

If Group fails to make any payment of amounts due by the end of any grace period, VSP may notify Group that the payment of amounts due has not been made, that coverage is canceled and that the Group is responsible for payment for the Claims Amount associated with Plan Benefits provided to Covered Persons after the last period for which amounts due were fully paid, including the grace period and through the effective date of the termination. Group shall also remain responsible for payment, in accordance with Paragraph 2.02, of any Claims Amount associated with Benefit Authorizations outstanding at the time of termination, and for any legal and/or collection fees incurred by VSP in collecting amounts due under this Plan.

4.05. **Distribution of Required Documents:** Group agrees to distribute to Enrollees any disclosure forms, plan summaries or other materials that may be required to be given to plan subscribers by any regulatory authority. Such materials shall be distributed by Group no later than thirty (30) days after receipt or as otherwise required under state law.

V.
OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED PERSONS UNDER THE PLAN

5.01. **General**: By this Plan, Group makes coverage available to its Enrollees and their Eligible Dependents, if dependent coverage is provided. However, this Plan may be amended or terminated by agreement between VSP and Group as indicated herein, without the consent or concurrence of Covered Persons. This Plan, and all Exhibits, Riders and attachments hereto, constitute VSP's sole and entire undertaking to Covered Persons under this Plan.

As conditions of coverage, all Covered Persons under this Plan have the following obligations:

5.02. **Copayment for Services Received**: Where, as indicated in Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits), Copayments are required for certain Plan Benefits, Copayments shall be the personal responsibility of the Covered Person receiving the care and must be paid to the Member Doctor the date services are rendered.

5.03. **Obtaining Services from Member Doctors**: Benefit Authorization must be obtained prior to receiving Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor. When a Covered Person seeks Plan Benefits, the Covered Person must select a Member Doctor, schedule an appointment, and identify himself as a Covered Person so the Member Doctor can obtain Benefit Authorization from VSP. Should the Covered Person receive Plan Benefits from a Member Doctor without such Benefit Authorization, then for the purposes of those Plan Benefits provided to the Covered Person, the Member Doctor will be considered a Non-Member Provider and the benefits available will be limited to those for a Non-Member Provider, if any.

5.04. **Submission of Non-Member Provider Claims**: If Non-Member Provider coverage is indicated in Exhibit A (Schedule of Benefits), written proof (receipt and the Covered Person's identification information) of all claims for services received from Non-Member

Providers shall be submitted by Covered Persons to VSP within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of service. VSP may reject such claims filed more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of service.

Failure to submit a claim within this time period, however, shall not invalidate or reduce the claim if it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim within such time period, provided the claim was submitted as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the required date of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of service.

5.05. **Complaints and Grievances**: Covered Persons shall report any complaints and/or grievances to VSP at the address given herein. Complaints and grievances are disagreements regarding access to care, quality of care, treatment or service. Complaints and grievances may be submitted to VSP verbally or in writing. A Covered Person may submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning his complaint or grievance to assist in VSP's review. VSP will resolve the complaint or grievance within thirty (30) days after receipt.

5.06. **Claim Denial Appeals**: If, under the terms of this Plan, a claim is denied in whole or in part, a request may be submitted to VSP by Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative for a full review of the denial. Covered Person may designate any person, including his/her provider, as his/her authorized representative. References in this section to "Covered Person" include Covered Person's authorized representative, where applicable.

a) **Initial Appeal**: The request must be made within one hundred eighty (180) days following denial of a claim and should contain sufficient information to identify the

Covered Person for whom the claim was denied, including the VSP Enrollee's name, the VSP Enrollee's Member Identification Number, the Covered Person's name and date of birth, the provider of services and the claim number. The Covered Person may review, during normal working hours, any documents held by VSP pertinent to the denial. The Covered Person may also submit written comments or supporting documentation concerning the claim to assist in VSP's review. VSP's determination, including specific reasons for the decision, shall be provided and communicated to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days after reciept of a request for appeal from the Covered Person or Covered Person's authorized representative.

b) **Second Level Appeal**: If the Covered Person disagrees with the response to the initial appeal of the claim, the Covered Person has a right to a second level appeal. Within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of VSP's response to the initial appeal, the Covered Person may submit a second appeal to VSP along with any pertinent documentation. VSP shall communicate its final determination to the Covered Person in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

c) **Other Remedies**: When Covered Person has completed the appeals process stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation, or Group should advise Covered Person to contact the U.S. Department of Labor or the state insurance regulatory agency for details. Additionally, under the provisions of ERISA (Section 502(a)(1)(B)) [29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(1)(B)], Covered Person has the right to bring a civil action when all available levels of review of denied claims, including the appeals process, have been completed, the claims were not approved in whole or in part, and Covered Person disagrees with the outcome.

5.07. **Time of Action**: No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Plan prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her grievance rights under this Plan and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after the claim and any applicable invoices have been filed with VSP. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of six (6) years from the last date that the claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to VSP, in accordance with the terms of this Plan.

5.08. **Insurance Fraud**: Any Group and/or person who intends to defraud, knowingly facilitates a fraud or submits an application or files a claim with a false or deceptive statement, is guilty of insurance fraud. Such an act is grounds for immediate termination of the Plan for the Group or individual that committed the fraud.

VI.
ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

6.01. **Eligibility Criteria**: Individuals will be accepted for coverage hereunder only upon meeting all the applicable requirements set forth below.

(a) **Enrollees**: To be eligible for coverage, a person must:

(1) currently be an employee or member of the Group, and

(2) meet the criteria established in the coverage criteria mutually agreed upon by Group and VSP.

(b) **Eligible Dependents**: If dependent coverage is provided, the persons eligible for coverage as dependents shall include:

(1) the legal spouse of any Enrollee, and

(2) any unmarried child of an Enrollee, including any natural child from the moment of birth, legally adopted child from the moment of placement for adoption with the Enrollee, or other child for whom a court holds the Enrollee responsible; and

(A) for whose support the Enrollee is legally responsible and who has not yet attained the age of 19 years, or

(B) who is chiefly dependent upon the Enrollee for support, has not yet attained the age of 23 years, and is currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing actively pursuing a degree or certificate at a recognized educational institution.

(3) as further defined by Group.

If a dependent unmarried child, prior to attainment of the prescribed age for termination of eligibility, becomes and continues to be, incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, that Eligible Dependent's coverage shall not terminate. Coverage will continue as long as he remains chiefly dependent on the Enrollee for support and the

Enrollee's coverage remains in force; PROVIDED satisfactory proof of the dependent's incapacity can be furnished to VSP within thirty-one (31) days of the date the Eligible Dependent's coverage would have otherwise terminated, and at such other times as VSP may request proof, but not more frequently than annually.

6.02. **Documentation of Eligibility:** Persons satisfying the requirements for coverage under either of the above classes shall be eligible if:

(a) in the case of an Enrollee, the individual's name and Social Security Number have been reported by the Group to VSP in the manner provided hereunder, and

(b) in the case of changes to an Eligible Dependent's status, the change has been reported by the Group to VSP in the manner provided herein. As indicated in Paragraph 4.01 above, VSP may elect to inspect the Group's records in order to verify eligibility of Enrollees and dependents. Plan Benefits will be available only to persons on whose behalf applicable amounts due have been paid for the current period, or Grace Periods outlined above in Paragraph 4.04. If a clerical error is made, it will not affect the coverage to which the Covered Person is entitled under the Plan.

6.03. **Retroactive Eligibility Changes:** Retroactive eligibility changes are limited to sixty (60) days prior to the date notice of any such requested change is received by VSP. If coverage is retroactively terminated for an individual, Group shall remain responsible for the Claims Amount associated with any Plan Benefits provided to that individual pursuant to the Benefit Authorization issued by VSP in reliance on the latest eligibility information available to VSP at the time of such Benefit Authorization.

6.04. **Change of Participation Requirements, Contribution of Fees, and Eligibility Rules:** Composition of the Group, percentage of Enrollees covered under the Plan, and Group's

contribution and Group's eligibility requirements are all material to VSP's obligations under this Plan. During the term of this Plan, Group must provide VSP with written notice of changes to its composition, percentage of Enrollees covered, contribution or eligibility requirements. Any such change which materially affects VSP's obligations hereunder must be mutually agreed upon in writing between VSP and Group and may constitute a material change to the terms and conditions of this Plan for purposes of Paragraph 4.03. Nothing in this section shall limit Group's ability to add Enrollees and/or Eligible Dependents in accordance with the terms of this Plan.

6.05. **Change in Family Status:** In the event Group is notified of any change in a Covered Person's family status (by marriage, the addition (e.g., newborn or adopted child) or deletion of dependent children, etc.) Group shall provide notice of such change to VSP via the next eligibility listing required under Paragraph 4.01. If such notice is given, the change in the Covered Person's status will be effective on the first day of the month following the request for change, or at a requested later date. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a newborn child will be covered for thirty-one (31) days after birth and an adopted child will be covered for thirty-one (31) days after the date the Enrollee or Enrollee's spouse acquires the right to control the health care of the child. To continue coverage for a newborn or adopted child beyond the initial thirty-one (31) day period, the Group must be properly notified of the Enrollee's change in family status and applicable amounts due must be paid to VSP on behalf of the child.

6.06. **Family and Medical Leave Act:** The federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), requires that under certain circumstances health plan benefits available to an eligible Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available during certain periods of

leave. Benefits will be available at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the eligible Enrollee had not gone on leave. If, and only to the extent, FMLA applies to the parties to this Plan, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available based on the eligibility information provided by the Group.

VII.
CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

7.01. **COBRA**: The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) requires that, under certain circumstances, health plan benefits available to an Enrollee and his or her Eligible Dependents be made available for purchase by said persons upon the occurrence of a COBRA-qualifying event. If, and only to the extent, COBRA applies, VSP shall make the statutorily-required continuation coverage available for purchase in accordance with COBRA.

VIII.
ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES

8.01. **Dispute Resolution:** Any dispute or question arising between VSP and Group or any Covered Person involving the application, interpretation, or performance under this Plan shall be settled, if possible, by amicable and informal negotiations. This will allow such opportunity as may be appropriate under the circumstances for fact-finding and mediation. If any issue cannot be resolved in this fashion, it shall be submitted to arbitration.

8.02. **Procedure:** The procedure for arbitration hereunder shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the American Arbitration Association in effect at the time of the dispute.

8.03. **Choice of Law:** Question(s) and dispute(s) hereunder are to be resolved by arbitration. However, if there are any matters arising in connection with this Plan which do become the subject of legal process, the applicable law shall be that of the State of delivery of this Plan.

IX.
NOTICES

9.01. **Required Notices**: Any notices to be given under this Plan to either the Group or VSP shall be in writing and delivered by United States First Class Mail. Notices sent to the Group will be mailed to the address shown on the Group Application. Notices sent to VSP shall be sent to the address shown on this Plan. Any notices may be hand-delivered by either party to an appropriate representative of the party, with the burden being on the party effecting such hand-delivery, to prove, if questioned, that such delivery was made.

X.
MISCELLANEOUS

10.01. **Entire Plan:** This Plan, the Group Application, and all Exhibits and attachments, and any amendments hereto, constitute the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and agreements between them, either written or oral. Any change or amendment to the Plan must be approved by an officer of VSP and attached to be valid. No agent has the authority to change this Plan or waive any of its provisions. Communication materials prepared by Group for distribution to Enrollees do not constitute a part of this Plan.

10.02. **Indemnity:** VSP agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Group, its shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising from the failure of VSP, its officers, agents or employees, to perform any of the activities, duties or responsibilities specified herein. Group agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless VSP, its members, shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, successors and assigns from and against any and all liability, claim, loss, injury, cause of action and expense (including defense costs and legal fees) of any nature whatsoever arising or resulting from the failure of Group, its officers or employees to perform any of the duties or responsibilities specified herein.

10.03. **Liability:** VSP arranges for the provision of vision care services and materials through agreements with Member Doctors, who are independent contractors responsible for exercising independent judgement. VSP does not itself directly furnish vision care services or supply materials. Under no circumstances shall VSP or Group be liable for the negligence,

wrongful acts or omissions of any doctor, laboratory, or any other person or organization performing services or supplying materials in connection with this Plan.

10.04. **Assignment:** Neither this Plan nor any of the rights or obligations of either of the parties may be assigned or transferred, except as noted herein, without the prior written consent of both parties.

10.05. **Severability:** Should any provision of this Plan be declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

10.06. **Governing Law:** This Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with applicable federal and state law. Any provision that is in conflict with, or not in compliance with, applicable federal or state statutes or regulations is hereby amended to conform with the requirements of such statutes or regulations, now or hereafter existing.

10.07. **Gender:** All pronouns used herein are deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular, or plural, as the identity(ies) of the person(s) may require.

10.08. **Communication Materials**: All Communication materials created by Group which relate to this vision care Plan must adhere to VSP's Member Communication Guidelines, distributed to Group by VSP. Such communication materials may be sent to VSP for review and approval in advance of mailing to Enrollees. VSP's review of such materials shall be limited to approving the accuracy of Plan Benefits and shall not encompass or constitute certification that Group's materials meet any applicable legal or regulatory requirements, including, but not limited to, ERISA requirements.

10.09. **Grievances/Complaints**: The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans. If you have a grievance against your health plan, you should first telephone your health plan at **(800) 877-7195** and use your health plan's

grievance process before contacting the Department. Utilizing this grievance procedure does not prohibit any potential legal rights or remedies that may be available to you. If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency, a grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved by your health plan, or a grievance that has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call the Department for assistance.

You may also be eligible for an Independent Medical Review (IMR). If you are eligible for IMR, the IMR process will provide an impartial review of medical decisions made by a health plan related to the medical necessity of a proposed service or treatment, coverage decisions for treatments that are experimental or investigational in nature and payment disputes for emergency or urgent medical services.

The Department also has a toll-free telephone number **(1-888-HMO-2219)** and a TDD line **(1-877-688-9891)** for the hearing and speech impaired. The Department's Internet Web site **(http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov)** has complaint forms, IMR application forms and instructions online. The plan's grievance process and the Department's complaint review process are in addition to any other dispute resolution procedures that may be available to Covered Persons, and the failure to use these procedures does not preclude Covered Person's use of any other remedy provided by law.

Administrator: The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Lisa Hoaas, Senior Risk Management Analyst, Human Resource Department, Risk Management Division, or successor.

REQUESTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR CONCURRENCE:

By: _____ Dated: 9/5/08

Lisa Hoaas
Sr. Risk Management Analyst
Human Resources Department

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:

By: _____ Dated: 9/5/08

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Director
Human Resources Department

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, the latest of which shall be deemed to be the effective date of this Agreement.

--COUNTY OF EL DORADO--

Dated: _____

By: _____
Chairman
Board of Supervisors
"County"

ATTEST:
Cindy Keck, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____ Date: _____
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT A

VISION SERVICE PLAN
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
PLAN A
DIVISION 0001 – COUNTY OF EL DORADO

GENERAL

This Schedule lists the vision care services and vision care materials to which Covered Persons of VISION SERVICE PLAN ("VSP") are entitled, subject to any Copayments and other conditions, limitations and/or exclusions stated herein. If Plan Benefits are available for Non-Member Provider services, as indicated by the reimbursement provisions below, vision care services and vision care materials may be received from any licensed optometrist, ophthalmologist, or dispensing optician, whether Member Doctors or Non-Member Providers. This Schedule forms a part of the Plan or Certificate to which it is attached.

When Plan Benefits are received from Member Doctors, benefits appearing in the first column below are applicable subject to any Copayments as stated below. When Plan Benefits are available and received from Non-Member Providers, the Covered Person is reimbursed for such benefits according to the schedule in the second column below less any applicable Copayments.

COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to each Covered Person subject only to payment of the applicable Copayment by the Covered Person. Copayments are required for Plan Benefits received from Member Doctors and Non-Member Providers. Covered Persons must also follow the proper procedures for obtaining Benefit Authorization.

A Copayment amount of $25.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time services are rendered.

PLAN BENEFITS

	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
VISION CARE SERVICES		
Eye Examination	Covered in Full*	Up to $ 40.00*

Complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated.

Subsequent regular eye examinations every 12 months.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

VISION CARE MATERIALS

Lenses	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Single Vision	Covered in full*	Up to $ 40.00*
Bifocal	Covered in full*	Up to $ 60.00*
Trifocal	Covered in full*	Up to $ 80.00*
Lenticular	Covered in full*	Up to $ 125.00*

Available every 24 months.

Frames		
	Covered up to Plan Allowance*	Up to $ 45.00*

Available every 24 months.

*Less any applicable Copayment.

Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses for post PRK, LASIK, or Custom LASIK patients.

Lenses and frames include such professional services as are necessary, which shall include:

- Prescribing and ordering proper lenses;
- Assisting in the selection of frames;
- Verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses;
- Proper fitting and adjustment of frames;
- Subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency;
- Progress or follow-up work as necessary.

Contact Lenses

Contact lenses are available once every 24 months in lieu of all other lens and frame benefits available herein. When contact lenses are obtained, the Covered Person shall not be eligible for lenses again for 24 months and frames for 24 months.

Visually Necessary – When Visually Necessary contact lenses are obtained from a Member Doctor, they will be covered in full with prior authorization from VSP. When Visually Necessary contact lenses are obtained from a Non-Member Provider, VSP will provide an allowance toward the cost as outlined below. Coverage for Visually Necessary contact lenses regardless of whether they are obtained from a Member Doctor or Non-Member Provider are subject to review and authorization from VSP's Optometric Consultants.

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Professional Fees and Materials	**Professional Fees and Materials**
Covered in full*	Up to $210.00*

Elective - Contact lenses for other than Visually Necessary circumstances

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Professional Fees and Materials**	**Professional Fees and Materials**
Up to $105.00	Up to $105.00

*Subject to Copayment

**Additional discount applies to Member Doctor's usual and customary professional fees for contact lens evaluation and fitting (see section on Additional Discounts below).

ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT

Each Covered Person shall be entitled to receive a discount of twenty percent (20%)* toward the purchase of non-covered materials from any Member Doctor when a complete pair of glasses is dispensed. Also, Covered Persons shall be entitled to receive a discount of fifteen percent (15%) off of contact lens examination services from any Member Doctor.**

Discounts are applied to the Member Doctor's usual and customary fees for such services and are unlimited for 12 months on or following the date of the patient's last eye exam.**

LIMITATIONS:

- Discounts do not apply to vision care benefits obtained from Non-Member Providers.
- 20% discount applies to complete pairs of glasses only.
- Discounts do not apply if prohibited by the manufacturer.
- Discounts do not apply to sundry items: e.g., contact lens solutions, cases, cleaning products or repairs of spectacle lenses or frames.

*Note: For Plan B patients (12/12/24), the 20% discount applies to the frame on the off year.

**Professional judgment will be applied when evaluating prescriptions written by another provider. Member Doctors may request a discounted additional exam.

LOW VISION BENEFIT

The Low Vision benefit is available to Covered Persons who have severe visual problems that are not correctable with regular lenses and is subject to prior approval by VSP Consultants.

	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER BENEFIT
Supplementary Testing	Covered in Full	Up to $125.00

Complete low vision analysis/diagnosis which includes a comprehensive examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear or vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental Care Aids	75% of Cost	75% of Cost

Subsequent low vision aids as Visually Necessary or Appropriate.

Copayment for Supplemental Aids: 25% payable by Covered Person.

Benefit Maximum

The maximum benefit available is $1000.00 (excluding Copayment) every two years.

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Low Vision benefits secured from a Non-Member Provider are subject to the same time limits and Copayment arrangements as described above for a Member Doctor. The Covered Person should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. The Covered Person will be reimbursed in accordance with an amount not to exceed what VSP would pay a Member Doctor in similar circumstances. NOTE: There is no assurance that this amount will be within the 25% Copayment feature.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS

PATIENT OPTIONS

This Plan is designed to cover visual needs rather than cosmetic materials. When the Covered Person selects any of the following extras, the Plan will pay the basic cost of the allowed lenses, and the Covered Person will pay the additional costs for the options.

- Optional cosmetic processes.
- Anti-reflective coating.
- Color coating.
- Mirror coating.
- Scratch coating.
- Blended lenses.
- Cosmetic lenses.
- Laminated lenses.
- Oversize lenses.
- Polycarbonate lenses.
- Progressive multifocal lenses.
- Photochromic lenses; tinted lenses except Pink #1 and Pink #2.
- UV (ultraviolet) protected lenses.
- Certain limitations on low vision care.
- A frame that costs more than the Plan allowance.
- Contact lenses (except as noted elsewhere herein).

NOT COVERED

There is no benefit for professional services or materials connected with:

- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing; plano lenses (less than a ±.50 diopter power); or two pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals;

- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this Plan which are lost or broken, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available;

- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes;

- Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature;

- Costs for services and/or materials above Plan Benefit allowances;

- Services and/or materials not indicated on this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits.

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EXHIBIT A

VISION SERVICE PLAN
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
PLAN B
DIVISION 0003 – EL DORADO COUNTY - SHERIFFS

GENERAL

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COPAYMENT

The benefits described herein are available to each Covered Person subject only to payment of the applicable Copayment by the Covered Person. Copayments are required for Plan Benefits received from Member Doctors and Non-Member Providers. Covered Persons must also follow the proper procedures for obtaining Benefit Authorization.

A Copayment amount of $10.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person to the Member Doctor at the time services are rendered.

PLAN BENEFITS

	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
VISION CARE SERVICES		
Eye Examination	Covered in Full*	Up to $ 40.00*

Complete initial vision analysis which includes an appropriate examination of visual functions, including the prescription of corrective eyewear where indicated.

Subsequent regular eye examinations every 12 months.

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VISION CARE MATERIALS

Lenses	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Single Vision	Covered in full*	Up to $ 40.00*
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Available every 12 months.

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	Covered up to Plan Allowance*	Up to $ 45.00*

Available every 24 months.

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Lenses and frames include such professional services as are necessary, which shall include:

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- Assisting in the selection of frames;
- Verifying the accuracy of the finished lenses;
- Proper fitting and adjustment of frames;
- Subsequent adjustments to frames to maintain comfort and efficiency;
- Progress or follow-up work as necessary.

Lens Options		
Tinted/Photochromic lenses	Covered in Full	Up to $ 5.00

Contact Lenses

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MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Professional Fees and Materials	**Professional Fees and Materials**
Covered in full*	Up to $250.00*

Elective - Contact lenses for other than Visually Necessary circumstances

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Professional Fees and Materials**	**Professional Fees and Materials**
Up to $.00	Up to $.00

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	MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER BENEFIT
Supplementary Testing	Covered in Full	Up to $125.00

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Subsequent low vision aids as Visually Necessary or Appropriate.

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The maximum benefit available is $1000.00 (excluding Copayment) every two years.

NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT

Low Vision benefits secured from a Non-Member Provider are subject to the same time limits and Copayment arrangements as described above for a Member Doctor. The Covered Person should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. The Covered Person will be reimbursed in accordance with an amount not to exceed what VSP would pay a Member Doctor in similar circumstances. NOTE: There is no assurance that this amount will be within the 25% Copayment feature.

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- Replacement of lenses and frames furnished under this Plan which are lost or broken, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available;

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- Corrective vision treatment of an Experimental Nature;

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EXHIBIT B

VISION SERVICE PLAN
SCHEDULE OF ADVANCE PAYMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

VSP shall be entitled to receive amounts due for each month on behalf of each Enrollee and his/her Eligible Dependents, if any in the amounts specified below:

ADVANCE PAYMENT:	$0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE:	$1.44 PER ELIGIBLE ENROLLEE

NOTICE: The amount due under this Plan is subject to change upon renewal (after the end of the Plan Term or any subsequent Plan Term) or upon change of the Schedule of Benefits or a material change in any other terms or conditions of the Plan.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN
ADDITIONAL BENEFIT - COVERED CONTACT LENSES
DIVISION 0003 – EL DORADO COUNTY - SHERIFFS

BENEFITS

Persons covered under this additional benefit are entitled to contact lenses which are referred to by VSP as "covered" as opposed to those which are defined as "necessary" under the standard coverage.

A. A. Covered Persons may receive professional services and the contact lenses associated therewith from a Member Doctor, if in the opinion of the Member Doctor the patient can successfully wear contact lenses. This Plan covers the initial fitting period of up to 90 days. This may be extended at the discretion of the doctor. THIS BENEFIT DOES NOT AFFECT, NOR IS IT AFFECTED BY, THE COVERED PERSON'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECTACLE LENSES AND FRAMES UNDER THE REGULAR PLAN.

B. For each Covered Person seeking services under this benefit, there shall be a Copayment as follows:

TYPE OF LENS FITTING	AMOUNT OF COPAYMENT
Disposable contact lenses, including daily disposable contact lenses	$ 50.00

BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE NATURE OF FITTING CONTACT LENSES, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THERE MUST BE SUBSTANTIAL PATIENT MOTIVATION. THERE IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT TIME INVOLVED ON THE DOCTOR'S PART WHETHER OR NOT THE PROCEDURE IS SUCCESSFUL. FOR THESE REASONS, THE COPAYMENT IS NOT REFUNDABLE TO THE COVERED PERSON IN ANY CASE.

C. While the professional contact lens services received under this program is essentially prepaid for most types of fittings, there are certain additional features, such as artistically painted contact lenses, for which the Covered Person may be required to make an additional payment.

EXCLUSIONS

The following items are not covered under this Plan:

- Orthokeratology
- Replacement of lost or damaged lenses
- Modifications of lenses
- Routine maintenance such as polishing
- Refitting (change in lens design) after the initial fitting
  - this will be the responsibility of the Covered Person

NON-MEMBER PROVIDERS

Covered contact lens services secured from a doctor who is NOT a member of the VSP panel are subject to the same time limits and Copayments described herein. The Covered Person should pay the Non-Member Provider his full fee. Covered Persons will be reimbursed in accordance with a schedule as shown in the Schedule of Benefits below. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE SCHEDULE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES RECEIVED.

CONTACT LENSES, ONCE FURNISHED UNDER THIS PLAN, CAN BE REPLACED ONLY WITH PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BY VSP, BUT IN NO EVENT MORE FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY 12 MONTHS.

COVERED CONTACT LENS SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Covered - Covered contact lenses are provided as an additional benefit under the plan.

MEMBER DOCTOR BENEFIT	NON-MEMBER PROVIDER BENEFIT
Professional Fees and Materials	**Professional Fees and Materials**
Covered in full*	Up to $250.00*

*Subject to Copayment.

COVERED CONTACTS ARE PROVIDED UNDER THIS PLAN EVERY 12 MONTHS.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN
THE CALIFORNIA CONTINUATION BENEFITS REPLACEMENT ACT OF 1997 (CAL-COBRA)

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 1366.25, the following section is hereby incorporated into the Group Vision Care Plan, if, and only to the extent Cal-COBRA applies to the parties to this Plan:

The California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act of 1997 (**Cal-COBRA**) requires health care service plans providing contracted coverage to employers with 2 to 19 eligible employees to offer continuation coverage for purchase by qualified beneficiaries upon the occurrence of a qualifying event. VSP and Group are subject to the following obligations in connection with continuation coverage:

1. Group agrees to provide VSP with notice of any employee who has had a "qualifying event", within 31 days of the qualifying event. A "qualifying event" means any of the following events that, but for the election of continuation coverage provided thereunder, would result in a loss of coverage under the group benefit plan to a qualified beneficiary:

- The death of the covered employee.
- The termination or reduction of hours of the covered employee's employment, except that termination for gross misconduct does not constitute a qualifying event.
- The divorce or legal separation of the covered employee from the covered employee's spouse.
- The loss of dependent status by a dependent enrolled in the group benefit plan.
- With respect to a dependent only, the covered employee's eligibility for coverage under Title XVIII of the United States Social Security Act (Medicare).

Within 14 days of receipt of the foregoing notice of a qualifying event from Group, VSP will send to the qualified beneficiary's last known address, as provided by Group, the necessary benefits information, premium information, enrollment forms, and instructions to allow the qualified beneficiary to formally elect continuation coverage.

2. Group agrees to notify qualified beneficiaries currently receiving continuation coverage, whose continuation coverage will terminate under one group benefit plan prior to the end of the period the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered under Cal-COBRA, as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1366.27, a minimum of 30 days prior to the termination, of the qualified beneficiary's ability to continue coverage under a new group benefit plan for the balance of the period the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered under the prior group benefit plan. Group agrees to provide qualified beneficiaries subject to this paragraph with the necessary benefits information, premium information, enrollment forms, and instructions to allow the qualified beneficiary to continue coverage. This information shall be sent to the qualified beneficiary's last known address, as provided by the plan currently providing continuation coverage to the qualified beneficiary.

ADDENDUM

VISION SERVICE PLAN

VI. ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE

6.01 (b) **Eligible Dependents**, Add the Following:

(1a) The domestic partner of the same gender as Enrollee, pursuant to the Group's eligibility rules which are applicable to the Group's general medical benefits; and

(2b) any unmarried children of the domestic partner provided they depend upon the Enrollee for support and maintenance.