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**Notice of NYS Vision Plan Booklet –
Benefit Clarification**

Dear Enrollee,

Vision Plan Booklet clarifications outlined in this letter apply to the following enrollees and dependents represented by the following groups:

- Council 82
- NYSCOPBA
- Management/Confidential (M/C)
- Participating Employers (PE)
- PBA - Troopers
- PBA- Supervisors
- NYSPIA
- PEF
- APSU
- COBRA

Please substitute the following language in your NYS Vision Plan Benefit Booklet on the pages noted below. For your reference the revised language has been bolded. Please keep a copy of this letter with your NYS Vision Plan Benefit Booklet.

Using your Benefits (page 2)

The vision benefits described in this booklet are available to you, your spouse or domestic partner and covered dependents age 19 or over once every 24 months. Covered dependents under the age of 19 can receive benefits once every 12 months. **All vision benefits must occur within the 90-day Purchase/Services Period to be eligible for coverage.** Before receiving services, you can confirm eligibility by visiting the New York State Department of Civil Service website at <https://www.cs.ny.gov>. On the Civil Service home page, select Benefit Programs, then select NYSHIP Online and if prompted, choose your group and plan. Then select Other Benefits and then Vision Benefits and follow the links to the Davis Vision Website, or call Davis Vision's customer call center at 888-588-4823.

Benefit Summary – Standard Plan (page 3)

Benefits under the plan are available to employees and covered dependents age 19 and over once in any 24-month period. Benefits are available to covered dependents up to, but not including age 19, once in any 12-month period. **All vision benefits - eye exam, frames and lenses (or contacts) - must occur within the 90-day Purchase/Services Period to be eligible for coverage.** The benefit does not cover both lenses and contacts.

90-DAY PURCHASE/SERVICES PERIOD (Page 5)

You have 90 days to **use your NYS Vision benefits (eye exam, frames and lenses (or contacts))** at a participating provider from the date of **your first covered service** under the Standard Plan, the Occupational Program and the Medical Exception Program. Otherwise, **NYS Vision** benefits will not be available until your next **Eligibility Date**.

Please add the following language to your NYS Vision Plan Benefit Booklet on the page noted below.

Glossary of Terms (page 9)

Eligibility Date – The next date employees and covered dependents can use NYS Vision Plan benefits. Covered employees and dependents over age 19, may use their benefits 24 months from their first covered service. Covered dependents under age 19, may use their benefits 12 months from their first covered service.

Purchase/Services Period – The 90-day period of time starting from the date of your first covered service.

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