

For brokers and producers only

Date: August 20, 2020

Markets: Groups enrolled in BlueVision Plus

CareFirst and Davis Vision to Convert Wholesale Allowance Plans to Retail

In an effort to streamline our vision portfolio, CareFirst and Davis Vision are converting our wholesale allowance plans to retail allowance plans. The change goes into effect **October 9, 2020**.

This will affect all SG & 51+ groups (fully insured/self-insured) enrolled in our BlueVision Plus Option 1-4 plans as well as any custom wholesale plan. The adjustment will be included on each group's next contract received at their first renewal on or after November 1, 2020. It will appear as a **change from a \$45 wholesale frame allowance to the equivalent \$100 retail frame allowance**.

This change will have **little to no impact on the member**, as the benefits are comparable. **It will not change your group's vision rate or any claims payments**, either. Self-insured groups will continue to be billed the same amount for claims costs as they are today. In addition, our other BlueVision Plus plans (Option A-D) have retail allowances, so this conversion will align our vision portfolio.

Furthermore, the term "wholesale" is outdated and can be confusing for members. Changing the terminology will help make our vision benefits easier them to understand.

A notification letter was mailed to the **32 impacted self-insured groups** on **Monday, August 10**. A similar notification will be mailed to the **10,718 impacted fully insured groups** along with an updated SOB on **Monday, August 24**.

For more information

If you have any questions, please contact your broker sales representative.