Adult Vision Health

It is recommended that at age 40, adults receive a comprehensive eye exam whether or not they have problems seeing or have known risks for vision problems. This baseline eye exam allows the eye doctor to monitor an individual’s vision health as they age. The eye doctor will recommend follow-up eye exams based on the patient’s family history and the results of the eye exam they received at age 40.

How to find an Eye Doctor:

- Ask your family doctor for the name of a qualified eye care provider.
- Contact your insurance provider for a list of covered eye care providers.
- Ask family and friends for information about their eye care provider.
- Contact Prevent Blindness Wisconsin for a listing of eye doctors in your area, or see our County Eye Care Provider guides at wisconsin.preventblindness.org/resources

Vision screenings and professional eye examinations are recommended as part of a continuum of vision care for adults. Prevent Blindness recommends adults have a regular dilated eye exam as recommended by their eye doctor.

For more information on vision health, please contact:

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin
731 North Jackson Street
Suite 405
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 765-0505
washington.preventblindness.org
info@pbwi.org

Founded in 1958, Prevent Blindness Wisconsin improves the lives of children, adults, and families through early detection of eye conditions to prevent blindness and preserve sight. On-going vision screening activities and statewide public health education lead to a lifetime of healthy vision.

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization, and is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness.
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin Voucher Programs

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin offers financial assistance towards vision health for Wisconsin adults, families, and children. Voucher programs are partnered through VSP Vision Care to ensure Wisconsin residents get the vision care they need. Vouchers cover an eye exam and/or a pair of eyeglasses. To receive a voucher, you must qualify for the program. Voucher criteria and the application can be found at:

wiscopn.preventblindness.org/eye-care-voucher-applications

For more information, contact:

(414) 765-0505

Eye Care America

Provides comprehensive eye exams and eye care for up to one year, often at no out-of-pocket expense to eligible candidates age 65 years or older.

(877) 887-6327
www.aao.org/eyecare-america

Medical Assistance

(Medicaid, Title 19)
Coverage for vision care varies by plan. Please contact your insurance provider to find out your vision health coverage.

(800) 362-3002 | www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

Medicare

Provides a comprehensive eye exam during the first year of beginning the program. Comprehensive eye exams will be covered every year for those with diabetes and those at risk for glaucoma.

(800) 633-4227 | www.medicare.gov

New Eyes for the Needy

A non-profit organization whose purpose is to improve vision for low-income individuals, including providing vouchers for new prescription eyeglasses.

(973) 376-4903 | www.new-eyes.org

* Prevent Blindness Wisconsin does not endorse any of these organizations *

Support & Services for Low Vision and the Visually Impaired

ABLE — Audio and Braille Literacy Enhancement
An organization dedicated to providing ways for individuals with vision concerns and disabilities to read and connect to the printed world.

(414) 286-3039 | www.ablenow.org

American Council of the Blind
This organization strives to increase quality of life for the blind and visually-impaired.

(800) 424-8666 | www.acb.org

National Federation of the Blind of WI
This organization works toward achieving acceptance and understanding of blindness.

(608) 622-7632 | www.nfbwis.org

Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired
An organization offering rehabilitation services to help the blind or visually impaired.

(888) 980-0017 | www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/blind

Prevent Blindness: Living Well with Low Vision
This organization provides resources and self help guides to individuals living with low vision.

(800) 331-2020 | lowvision.preventblindness.org/

Vision Forward Association
An organization that offers resources to individuals experiencing vision loss to reach their full potential.

(414) 615-0100 | www.vision-forward.org

Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired
This organization is dedicated to helping individuals who are blind or visually impaired through vision related services, advocacy, and educating the public on vision disabilities.

(608) 255-1166 | www.wcblind.org

Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs
This organization provides patient care and federal benefits to veterans who are blind or visually impaired.

1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) | dva.state.wi.us/