



Employee Update – May 12, 2020

The Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) will issue periodic updates to Prince George's County Government employees during the reduction in government operations and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. In each *Employee Update*, you'll find information and tips from OHRM, the latest COVID-19 information, and additional tips to support you.

Keep Informed:

Employee Info from Human Resources	County Updates on COVID-19	Tweets from the County Executive	Tips and Info for Working Remotely
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3 Things You Should Know About:

Expanded Vision Care through May 31

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VSP is expanding your eye care to support social distancing.

VSP has expanded access to medical eye care services* for most VSP members and their covered dependents through May 31, 2020, in an effort to help *flatten the curve* and provide safe services in light of COVID-19.

By doing so, these members now have access to supplemental medical eye care for **the detection, treatment, and management of ocular and visual conditions, including conjunctivitis, eye trauma, or sudden changes in vision.** They can see their VSP network doctor in-person or remotely. Members can also use their routine VSP coverage for lost or broken glasses or replacement contact lenses to meet immediate eyewear needs by contacting their VSP network doctor.

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VSP supports you and our healthcare system.

- VSP network doctors do so much more than help with vision correction. They diagnose and treat conditions including conjunctivitis, eye trauma, and sudden changes in vision.

- For members whose plan already covers essential medical eye care services, there is no change, and they can continue receiving these services from their VSP network doctor.
- Access to optometrists during this pandemic allows our members to maintain health and visual acuity while easing the burden on primary care physicians and emergency rooms. Visiting the ER may increase exposure to disease, as well as take services away from critically ill patients.
- VSP understands the connection between eye care and overall health, and this expanded access will allow members to turn to their VSP network doctor for essential medical eye care services when they need it most.

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Here's what you can expect from VSP...

- Through May 31, 2020, if a member is experiencing a medical eye care condition, they should contact their VSP network doctor.
- There's no change to premiums and no paperwork to complete.
- A standard \$20 copay may apply for some essential medical eye care.
- Members receive treatment in a setting that is safe and comfortable including remote care when appropriate.
- Check out this [flyer](#) to learn about this extended benefit and connect with your VSP doctor if they need this level of care.

Your Daily Distraction from Level Up

Looking for a pleasant distraction today? Look no further. The following distractions were provided by the team behind your employee wellness program, [Level Up](#).

- **Listen:** *Billie Jean* performed by The Civil Wars ([YouTube](#))
- **Watch:** *One Day More* parody ([YouTube](#))
- **Do:** 11 things to do in quarantine when you've already made 3 loaves of banana bread ([Link](#))

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