

What is a Vision Plan?

Why do Oklahomans believe that vision plans cover the costs to treat medical eye problems when they do not. Vision Plans are not insurance. Vision Plans are only discount plans that provide discounts for basic eye exams and glasses

Currently unregulated and unaccountable:

<u>Vision Plans are not regulated by any state body or regulatory board</u>. Large national vision plans are unregulated monopolies, some foreign owned.

How <u>vision plans</u> treat patients and doctors unfairly:

<u>Vision Plans require or incentivize doctors to use products from companies owned by the vision plan</u>. This is a problem, doctors need to be allowed to make recommendations according to what is best for their patients, not what is best for vision plans profits.

<u>Vision plans attempt to fix prices for services they refuse to cover</u>. This causes prices to go up for all patients and does not allow for consistent pricing from patient to patient

<u>In states where vision plans have been regulated, studies show that eye care costs are reduced.</u> In those states, vision plan premiums have not increased.

Vision plans change the terms of contracts without notice or acceptance by providers.

Vision plans do not provide clear numbers of available providers and covered patients to businesses they enroll or to doctors they participate with.

Most large vision plans have not increased reimbursements in over 15 years. However, costs to both doctors and patients have increased dramatically over the same period.

