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We are pleased to announce significant improvements in the Fund's Optical Benefit, effective September 1, 2022.

1. Covered members and enrolled, eligible dependents will now be eligible for Optical Benefits **once per plan year** (instead of every two years). The plan year remains September 1 through August 31.
2. The Optical Benefit for Covered Members and ONE enrolled, eligible dependent has been increased to **\$225** per plan year. The Optical Benefit for the second enrolled, eligible dependent has been increased to **\$175** per plan year. These amounts are also the maximums you and your first two dependents will receive for covered services if you use an out-of-network provider.
3. Patient **copayments** when using a participating provider, for various lenses and coatings, **have also been reduced and** some that required copayments previously are **now covered in full.**
4. The retail value for **covered frames has been increased to \$275 (GVS Collection)** for the member and first dependent and **\$225 (GVS Collection)** or the second dependent. If you use a participating optical provider, you will be able to choose from a selection of frames with those retail values and have no out of pocket cost. If the price of the frame you select exceeds those amounts, the member and first dependent will receive a **frame credit of \$225** toward the purchase of non-GVS Collection frames of a retail value in excess of \$275. The second dependent will receive a **frame credit of \$200.**
5. New **LASIK Discount Program.** All covered members and eligible, enrolled dependents are eligible for a Lasik Discount Program offered by GVS through QualSight LASIK. You can save between 40% to 50% off traditional LASIK services. See more information on the enclosed summary of benefits improvements.

**We are working with GVS so that all above improvements will go into effect September 1, 2022. We are also instituting an electronic voucher system. As a result, the GVS participating providers are in the process of updating their systems with the benefits improvements. We suggest you bring the summary of benefit improvements with you to your appointment to ensure the proper benefit is received.**

Please take a moment to review this information. This information will soon be added to the Supplemental Benefits Fund booklet available on the benefits page of our union website: <https://levittownteachers.org/content/member-benefits>.

We hope you are as proud as we are about being able to manage the limited funds contributed to the Benefit Fund in a way that makes offering these long-awaited Optical Benefit enhancements possible.

Any questions can be directed to any of our Trustees, or the Fund Director, Lisa Poggioli at the Fund Office, whose hard work and dedication continues to aid the Board of Trustees in its oversight of your Benefit Fund.

In solidarity,

***Board of Trustees***

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