

## **PARTNERS IN PREVENTION PROGRAM**

### **A Referral Network for Free Eye Exams and Eyeglasses for Adults**

#### **ABOUT PARTNERS IN PREVENTION:**

The Partners in Prevention program is an agreement between eye care professionals and Prevent Blindness Texas. The “Partners” in the program are the various eye care professionals who agree to donate free eye exams and eyeglasses on an annual basis. This program serves as a referral system for those individuals who do not qualify for related social services and who cannot otherwise afford an eye exam and/or eyeglasses. Last year, Prevent Blindness Texas and “Partners” helped over 8,000 clients receive a free eye exam and/or eyeglasses through our Partners in Prevention program.

#### **ABOUT YOUR VISION:**

Prevent Blindness America recommends a continuum of eye care for adults to include a dilated eye examination at least once every two years. Regular eye care and good health are important to your vision and may help you avoid vision loss as you grow older. You should visit your eye doctor for a complete eye exam to continue treatment on existing eye problems, to keep your eyeglass prescription up-to-date, to check for eye diseases, and even if you do not have any eye problems. Early detection is the key to effectively treating many serious eye disorders and diseases.

#### **ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:**

- The client’s family income must be no greater than 150% of the federal poverty guidelines based on the number of people in the household.
- The client must not have used this program within the last 2 years. Due to limited resources, some branches may limit the program to a **ONE-TIME SERVICE ONLY**.
- The client must not use this program as a second opinion.

#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Request an application by contacting your nearest PBT office or by calling our toll free number at 1-888-98-SIGHT to receive an application.
- **Mail or fax your COMPLETED application to your nearest PBT office along with ONE COPY of the following:**
  1. Proof of **ALL INCOME IN THE HOUSEHOLD** which may include the last 2 paycheck stubs, W-2 form, SSI Award Letter, Child Support, Disability Award Letter, Food Stamp Award Letter, Self-employment, Unemployment Benefits, or other contributions for each member in the household.
  2. Proof of **ONE** form of identification such as a driver’s license, social security card, or some form of official ID.
  3. If the client has a prescription less than 1 year old, please include a **XEROXED COPY** with the application.

#### **APPROVAL GUIDELINES:**

- Upon receiving approval, Prevent Blindness Texas selects and refers the client to an eye care professional from our program. Due to limited resources in some areas, the client may need to travel within a 50-mile radius.
- The client may be placed on a waiting list.
- The client must keep their appointment, be on time, and call 24 hours in advance if they should need to reschedule.
- The eyeglasses will consist of a limited selection as determined by the donating “Partner”. The lenses provided will be single vision or bifocal lenses (with a line FT28). Extras such as “tint” are **NOT** covered.
- The client should contact Prevent Blindness Texas if further assistance or resources should be needed.
- **It will take at least 2-6 weeks to process your application once it is received.**

**“I want to express my gratitude to the benefactors who make this program possible for so many people.” PIP Client**