

**GROUP  
EYE CARE  
PLAN**

**SCHUSTER COMPANY**

**Plan Number: 10-301818**

Administered by:



Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.

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**SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS  
OUTLINE OF COVERAGE**

The Coverage for each Member and each Covered Dependent will be based on the Member's class shown in this Schedule of Benefits.

<u>Benefit Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
Class 4	Eligible Lemars Truck & Trailer Employee Electing Vision

**EYE CARE EXPENSE BENEFITS**

When you select a Participating Provider, a discounted fee schedule is used which is intended to provide you, the Member, reduced out of pocket costs.

**Deductible Amount:**

When a Participating Provider is used:

Exams - Each Benefit Period	\$25
Contact Lens Fitting and Evaluation - Each Benefit Period	\$60
Frames, Lenses, and Medically Necessary Contacts - Each Benefit Period	\$25

When a Non-Participating Provider is used:

Exams - Each Benefit Period	\$25
Frames, Lenses, and Medically Necessary Contacts - Each Benefit Period	\$25

***Please refer to the EYE CARE EXPENSE BENEFITS page for details regarding frequency, limitations, and exclusions.***

## DEFINITIONS

**COMPANY** refers to Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. The words "we", "us" and "our" refer to Company. Our Home Office address is 5900 "O" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

**PLANHOLDER** refers to the Planholder stated on the face page of this document.

**MEMBER** refers to a person:

- a. who is a Member of the eligible class; and
- b. who has qualified for coverage by completing the eligibility period, if any; and
- c. for whom the coverage has become effective.

**CHILD.** Child refers to the child of the Member or a child of the Member's spouse, if they otherwise meet the definition of Dependent.

**DEPENDENT** refers to:

- a. a Member's spouse.
- b. each child less than 26 years of age, for whom the Member or the Member's spouse is legally responsible, or is eligible under the federal laws identified below, including:
  - i. natural born children;
  - ii. adopted children, eligible from the date of placement for adoption;
  - iii. children covered under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by applicable Federal and State laws.

Spouses of Dependents and children of Dependents may not be enrolled under this plan. Additionally, if the Planholder's separate medical plans are considered to have "grandfathered status" as defined in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Dependents may not be eligible Dependents under such medical plans if they are eligible to enroll in an eligible employer-sponsored health plan other than a group health plan of a parent for plan years beginning before January 1, 2014. Dependents that are ineligible under the Planholder's separate medical plans will be ineligible under this Plan as well.

- c. each child age 26 or older who:
  - i. is Totally Disabled as defined below; and
  - ii. becomes Totally Disabled while covered as a dependent under b. above.

Coverage of such child will not cease if proof of dependency and disability is given within 31 days of attaining the limiting age and subsequently as may be required by us but not more frequently than annually after the initial two-year period following the child's attaining the limiting age. Any costs for providing continuing proof will be at our expense.

**TOTAL DISABILITY** describes the Member's Dependent as:

1. Continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical handicap; and
2. Chiefly dependent upon the Member for support and maintenance.

**DEPENDENT UNIT** refers to all of the people who are covered as the dependents of any one Member.

**PROVIDER** refers to any person who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of the license.

**PARTICIPATING AND NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS.** A Participating Provider is a Provider who has a contract with Us to provide services to Members at a discount. A Participating Provider is also referred to as a "Network Provider." The terms and conditions of the agreement with our Network Providers are available upon request. Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and the Participating Provider's contracted fees for covered services. A Non-Participating Provider is any other Provider and may also be referred to as an "Out-of-Network Provider." Members are required to pay the difference between the plan payment and the Provider's actual fee for covered services. Therefore, the out-of-pocket expenses may be lower if services are provided by a Participating Provider.

**PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE** refers to the date coverage under the plan becomes effective. The Plan Effective Date for the Planholder is October 1, 2021. The effective date of coverage for a Member is shown in the Planholder's records.

All coverage will begin at 12:01 A.M. on the Effective Date. It will end after 11:59 P.M. on the Termination Date. All times are stated as Standard Time of the residence of the Member.

## **CONDITIONS FOR COVERAGE**

### *ELIGIBILITY*

**ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR MEMBERS.** The members of the eligible class(es) are shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Each member of the eligible class (referred to as "Member") will qualify for such coverage on the day he or she completes the required eligibility period, if any. Members choosing to elect coverage will hereinafter be referred to as "Member."

If employment is the basis for membership, a member of the Eligible Class for Coverage is any eligible Lemars truck & trailer employee electing vision working at least 30 hours per week. If membership is by reason other than employment, then a member of the Eligible Class for Coverage is as defined by the Planholder.

If both spouses are Members and if either of them covers their dependent children, then the spouse, whoever elects, will be considered the dependent of the other. As a dependent, the person will not be considered a Member of the Eligible Class, but will be eligible for coverage as a dependent.

**ELIGIBLE CLASS FOR DEPENDENT COVERAGE.** Each Member of the eligible class for dependent coverage is eligible for the Dependent Coverage under the plan and will qualify for this Dependent Coverage on the first of the month falling on or first following the latest of:

1. the day he or she qualifies for coverage as a Member;
2. the day he or she first becomes a Member; or
3. the day he or she first has a dependent. For dependent children, a newborn child will be considered an eligible dependent upon reaching their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The child may be added at birth or within 31 days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

A Member must be covered to also cover his or her dependents.

If employment is the basis for membership, a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Coverage is any eligible Lemars truck & trailer employee electing vision working at least 30 hours per week and has eligible dependents. If membership is by reason other than employment, then a member of the Eligible Class for Coverage is as defined by the Planholder.

Any spouse who elects to be a dependent rather than a member of the Eligible Class for Personal Coverage, as explained above, is not a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Coverage.

When a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Coverage dies and, if at the date of death, has dependents covered, the Planholder has the option of offering the dependents of the deceased employee continued coverage. If elected by the Planholder and the affected dependents, the name of such deceased employee will continue to be listed as a member of the Eligible Class for Dependent Coverage.

**CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.** Member Coverage: A Member is required to contribute to the payment of his or her coverage fees.

Dependent Coverage: A Member is required to contribute to the payment of coverage fees for his or her dependents.

**SECTION 125.** This program of coverage is provided as part of the Planholder's Section 125 Plan. Each Member has the option under the Section 125 Plan. Each Member has the option under the Section 125 Plan of participating or not participating in this plan.

If a Member does not elect to participate when initially eligible, the Member may elect to participate at a subsequent Annual Election Period. The first Annual Election Period will be in September 2021 and those who

elect to participate in this program at that time will have their coverage become effective on October 1, 2021. Each Annual election Period thereafter will be in December for a January 1 effective date.

A Member may change their election option only during an Annual Election Period, except for a change in family status. Such events would be marriage, divorce, birth of a child, death of a spouse or child, or termination of employment of a spouse.

**ELIGIBILITY PERIOD.** For Members on the Plan Effective Date of the plan, coverage is effective immediately.

For persons who become Members after the Plan Effective Date of the plan, qualification will occur on the first of the month falling on or first following the eligibility period of 60 calendar day(s) of continuous active employment.

If employment is the basis for membership in the Eligible Class for Members, a Member whose eligibility terminates and is established again, may or may not have to complete a new eligibility period before he or she can again qualify for coverage.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each Member has the option of being covered and covering his or her Dependents. To elect coverage, he or she must agree in writing to contribute to the payment of the coverage fees. The Effective Date for each Member and his or her Dependents, will be the first of the month falling on or first following:

1. the date on which the Member qualifies for coverage, if the Member agrees to contribute on or before that date.
2. the date on which the Member agrees to contribute, if that date is within 31 days after the date he or she qualifies for coverage.

**EXCEPTIONS.** If employment is the basis for membership, a Member must be in active service on the date the coverage, or any increase in coverage, is to take effect. The effective date of coverage shall not be delayed if the employee is not actively at work due to the employee's health status, medical condition, or disability. If not, the coverage will not take effect until the day he or she returns to active service. Active service refers to the performance in the customary manner by an employee of all the regular duties of his or her employment with his or her employer on a full time basis at one of the employer's business establishments or at some location to which the employer's business requires the employee to travel.

A Member will be in active service on any regular non-working day if he or she is not totally disabled on that day and if he or she was in active service on the regular working day before that day.

If membership is by reason other than employment, a Member must not be totally disabled on the date the coverage, or any increase in coverage, is to take effect. The coverage will not take effect until the day after he or she ceases to be totally disabled.

#### **TERMINATION DATES**

**MEMBERS.** The coverage for any Member, will automatically terminate on the **earliest of:**

1. the date the Member ceases to be a Member;
2. the last day of the period for which the Member has contributed, if required, to the payment of coverage fees; or
3. the date the plan is terminated.

**DEPENDENTS.** The coverage for all of a Member's dependents will automatically terminate on the **earliest of:**

1. the date on which the Member's coverage terminates;
2. the date on which the Member ceases to be a Member;
3. the last day of the period for which the Member has contributed, if required, to the payment of coverage fees; or
4. the date all Dependent Coverage under the plan is terminated.

The coverage for any Dependent will automatically terminate on the day before the date on which the dependent no longer meets the definition of a dependent. See "Definitions."

**CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE.** If coverage ceases according to TERMINATION DATE, some or all of the coverages may be continued. Contact your plan administrator for details.



## **EYE CARE EXPENSE BENEFITS**

If the Member has Covered Expenses under this section, we pay benefits as described. The Member can choose any provider at any time.

### **COVERED EXPENSES**

Covered Expenses include the lesser of:

- a. the charge for the covered procedure furnished; or
- b. the Maximum Covered Expense for such services or supplies shown in the Schedule of Eye Care Services.

Covered Expenses are the eye care expenses incurred by a Member for services or supplies. We pay up to the Maximum Covered Expense shown in the Schedule of Eye Care Services.

### **DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT**

The Deductible Amount is on the Schedule of Benefits. It is an amount of Covered Expenses for which no benefits are payable. It applies separately to each Member. Benefits are paid only for those Covered Expenses that are over the Deductible Amount.

### **PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS**

A Participating Provider is a provider who has agreed to participate in the VSP network and agrees to provide services and supplies to the Member at a discounted fee. For questions related to providers or benefit payments, VSP's Customer Care Division is available at (800) 877-7195.

### **NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDER**

A Non-Participating Provider is any other provider. Non-Participating providers may be referred to as Affiliate or Open Access Providers. Non-Participating Providers are not subject to our Quality Management Programs. Your out-of-pocket expenses may be greater when you visit a Non-Participating Provider. However, more cost savings or convenience may be available through VSP arrangements with Affiliate Providers. You may contact VSP's Customer Care Division for details at (800) 877-7195.

### **EYE CARE SUPPLIES**

Eye care supplies are all services listed on the Schedule of Eye Care Services. They exclude services related to Eye Care Exams.

### **REQUEST FOR SERVICES**

When requesting services, the Member must advise the Participating Provider's office that he or she has coverage under this network plan. If the Member receives services from a Participating Provider without this notification, the benefits may be limited to those for a Non-Participating Provider.

### **ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS**

We pay benefits to the Participating Provider for services and supplies performed or furnished by them. When a Non-Participating Provider performs services, we pay benefits to the Member unless arranged differently through an Affiliate or Open Access provider, or otherwise required by state regulation.

### **EXTENSION OF BENEFITS**

If your plan terminates, we will pay claims for eye care services and supplies that you received or ordered prior to your plan's termination. You will have six months following the date of service to submit your claim.

### **EXPENSES INCURRED**

An expense is incurred at the time a service is rendered or a supply item furnished.

**PROOF OF LOSS**

Written proof of loss must be given to us within 180 days after completion of the service for a claim to be covered. An exception may be made if the Member shows it was not possible to submit the proof of loss within this period.

**LIMITATIONS**

This plan has the following limitation:

Some brands of spectacle frames may be unavailable at all locations for purchase as Covered Expenses, or may be subject to additional out-of-pocket expenses. Members may obtain details regarding frame brand availability from their treating provider or by calling VSP's Customer Care Division at (800) 877-7195.

**EXCLUSIONS**

This plan does not cover:

Services and/or materials not specifically included in this Schedule as covered Plan Benefits,

Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than plus or minus .50 diopter) except as specifically allowed in the frames benefit section below,

Services or materials that are cosmetic, including Plano contact lenses to change eye color and artistically painted Contact Lenses,

Two pairs of glasses in lieu of Bifocals,

Replacement of Spectacle Lenses, Frames, and/or contact lenses furnished under this plan that are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when services are otherwise available,

Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing,

Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes,

Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning,

The refitting of Contact Lenses after the initial 90-day fitting period,

Contact Lens plans or service contracts,

Additional office visits associated with contact lens pathology,

Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where law requires us to pay,

Membership fees for any retail center in which an Affiliate or Open Access provider office may be located. Covered persons may be required to purchase a membership in such entities as a condition of accessing Plan Benefits.

## SCHEDULE OF EYE CARE SERVICES

The following is a complete list of eye care services for which benefits payable under this section, You must first pay a Deductible for certain services as indicated on the Schedule of Benefits in the - Eye Care Expense Benefits section.

SERVICE	WHEN COVERED	PLAN MAXIMUM COVERED EXPENSE	
		Participating Provider	Non-Participating Provider*
<b>Vision Examination(s)</b>			
Eye Exam	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$ 50.00
Contact Lens Fitting & Evaluation	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	See Elective Contact Lenses benefit below
<b>Complete Pair of Spectacles</b>			
<b>Lenses</b> (per pair, only one pair of lens type below allowed per covered period)			
Single Vision	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$ 50.00
Lined Bifocal	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$ 75.00
Lined Trifocal	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$100.00
Lenticular	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$125.00
<b>Frames</b>			
Single Frame%	Once every 24 months	Up to \$180.00	Up to \$ 70.00
<b>Contact Lenses</b> (in lieu of Complete Pair of Spectacles)			
Elective	Once every 12 months	Up to \$180.00	Up to \$105.00
Medically Necessary**	Once every 12 months	Covered in Full	Up to \$210.00

**Low Vision** (for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, as determined by the treating provider)  
Members can receive professional services for treatment of severe visual problems that are not correctable with regular lenses. The treating provider determines if a Member's condition meets the criteria for coverage of this benefit. Members may contact VSP's Customer Care Division for details at (800-877-7195) for additional information.

\*Members may receive additional savings and some services may be covered in full by choosing to visit an Affiliate Non-Participating Provider.

\*\*The benefit for Medically Necessary contact lenses is in lieu of the Elective contact lenses benefit listed. The treating provider determines if a Member meets the coverage criteria for this benefit.

%Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses for post PRK, LASIK, or Customer LASIK patients as determined by the VSP Participating Provider. Frame allowance may be applied towards non-prescription sunglasses, exhausting both frame and lens eligibility.

## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

This section applies if a covered person has eye care coverage under more than one Plan definition below. All benefits provided under this plan are subject to this section.

**EFFECT ON BENEFITS.** The Order of Benefit Determination rules below determine which Plan will pay as the primary Plan. If all or any part of an Allowable Expense under this Plan is an Allowable Expense under any other Plan, then benefits will be reduced so that, when they are added to benefits payable under any other Plan for the same service or supply, the total does not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

If another Plan is primary and this Plan is considered secondary, the amount by which benefits have been reduced during the Claim Determination Period will be used by us to pay the Allowable Expenses not otherwise paid which were incurred by you in the same Claim Determination Period. We will determine our obligation to pay for Allowable Expenses as each claim is submitted, based on all claims submitted in the current Claim Determination Period.

**DEFINITIONS.** The following apply only to this provision of the plan.

1. “Plan” refers to the group plan and any of the following plans, whether insured or uninsured, providing benefits for eye care services or supplies:
  - a. Any group or blanket insurance policy.
  - b. Any group Blue Cross, group Blue Shield, or group prepayment arrangement.
  - c. Any labor/management, trustee plan, labor organization, employer organization, or employee organization plan, whether on an insured or uninsured basis.
  - d. Any coverage under a governmental plan that allows coordination of benefits, or any coverage required or provided by law. This does **not** include a state plan under Medicaid (Title XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act as enacted or amended). It also does not include any plan whose benefits by law are excess to those of any private insurance program or other non-governmental program.
2. “Plan” does **not** include the following:
  - a. Individual or family benefits provided through insurance contracts, subscriber contracts, coverage through individual HMOs or other prepayment arrangements.
  - b. Coverages for school type accidents only, including athletic injuries.
3. “Allowable Expense” refers to any necessary, reasonable and customary item of expense at least a portion of which is covered under at least one of the Plans covering the person for whom that claim is made. When a Plan provides services rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each service will be both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. Benefits payable under another Plan include benefits that would have been payable had a claim been made for them.
4. “Claim Determination Period” refers to a Benefit Period, but does not include any time during which a person has no coverage under this Plan.
5. “Custodial Parent” refers to a parent awarded custody of a minor child by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than half of the calendar year without regard to any temporary visitation.

**ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION.** When two or more Plans pay benefits, the rules for determining the order of payment are as follows:

1. A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits provision is always considered primary and will pay benefits first.
2. If a Plan also has a coordination of benefits provision, the first of the following rules that describe which Plan pays its benefits before another Plan is the rule to use:
  - a. The benefits of a Plan that covers a person as an employee, member or subscriber are determined before those of a Plan that covers the person as a dependent.
  - b. If a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan, then the primary Plan is the Plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
    - i. the parents are married;
    - ii. the parents are not separated (whether or not they ever have been married); or
    - iii. a court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide eye care coverage.

If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.

- c. If the Dependent child is covered by divorced or separated parents under two or more Plans, benefits for that Dependent child will be determined in the following order:
  - i. the Plan of the Custodial Parent;
  - ii. the Plan of the spouse of the Custodial Parent;
  - iii. the Plan of the non-Custodial Parent; and then
  - iv. the Plan of the spouse of the non-Custodial Parent.

However, if the specific terms of a court decree establish a parent's responsibility for the child's eye care expenses and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to Claim Determination Periods or Benefit Periods commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree.

- d. The benefits of a Plan that cover a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired (or as that employee's dependent) are determined before those of a Plan that covers that person as a laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's dependent). If the other Plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will be ignored.
- e. If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation provided by a federal or state law also is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree (or as that person's dependent) is primary, and the continuation coverage is secondary. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will be ignored.
- f. The benefits of a Plan that has covered a person for a longer period will be determined first.

If the preceding rules do not determine the primary Plan, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan under this provision. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than what it would have paid had it been primary.

**RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NECESSARY INFORMATION.** We may without your consent and notice to you:

1. Release any information with respect to your coverage and benefits under the plan; and
2. Obtain from any other insurance company, organization or person any information with respect to your coverage and benefits under another Plan.

You must provide us with any information necessary to coordinate benefits.

**FACILITY OF PAYMENT.** When other Plans make payments that should have been made under this Plan according to the above terms, we will, at our discretion, pay to any organizations making these payments any amounts that we decide will satisfy the intent of the above terms. Amounts paid in this way will be benefits paid under this Plan. We will not be liable to the extent of these payments.

**RIGHT OF RECOVERY.** When we make payments for Allowable Expenses in excess of the amount that will satisfy the intent of the above terms, we will recover these payments, to the extent of the excess, from any persons or organizations to or for whom these payments were made. The amount of the payments made includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**NOTICE OF CLAIM.** Written notice of a claim must be given to us within 30 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable.

Notice must be given to us at our Home Office, or to one of our agents. Notice should include the Planholder's name, Member's name, and plan number. If it was not reasonably possible to give written notice within the 30 day period stated above, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if notice is filed as soon as is reasonably possible.

**CLAIM FORMS.** When we receive the notice of a claim, we will send the claimant forms for filing proof of loss. If these forms are not furnished within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the claimant will meet our proof of loss requirements by giving us a written statement of the nature and extent of loss within the time limit for filing proofs of loss.

**PROOF OF LOSS.** Written proof of loss must be given to us within 90 days after the incurred date of the services provided for which benefits are payable. If it is impossible to give written proof within the 90 day period, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason if the proof is filed as soon as is reasonably possible. For Eye Care benefits that use either the EyeMed or VSP network, please refer to the limitations section on the Eye Care Expense Benefits page.

**TIME OF PAYMENT.** We will pay all benefits immediately when we receive due proof. Any balance remaining unpaid at the end of any period for which we are liable will be paid at that time.

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.** All benefits will be paid to the Member unless otherwise agreed upon through your authorization or Provider contracts.

**FACILITY OF PAYMENT.** If a Member or beneficiary is not capable of giving us a valid receipt for any payment or if benefits are payable to the estate of the Member, then we may, at our option, pay the benefit up to an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to any relative by blood or connection by marriage of the Member who is considered by us to be equitably entitled to the benefit.

Any equitable payment made in good faith will release us from liability to the extent of payment.

**PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP.** The Member may choose any Provider who is licensed by the law of the state in which treatment is provided within the scope of their license. We will in no way disturb the Provider-patient relationship.

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.** No legal action can be brought against us until 60 days after the Member sends us the required proof of loss. No legal action against us can start more than five years after proof of loss is required.

**INCONTESTABILITY.** Any statement made by the Planholder to obtain the Plan is a representation and not a warranty. No misrepresentation by the Planholder will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Plan unless:

1. The Plan would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given the Planholder a copy of a written instrument signed by the Planholder that contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Plan will not be contested after it has been in force for one year, except for nonpayment of fees or fraudulent misrepresentations.

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION.** The coverage provided under the Plan is not a substitute for coverage under a worker's compensation or state disability income benefit law and does not relieve the Planholder of any obligation to provide such coverage.



## ERISA INFORMATION AND NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHTS

### A. General Plan Information

Name of Plan:	Eye Care Plan
Name, Address of Plan Sponsor:	SCHUSTER COMPANY 2605 LINCOLN AVE SW LE MARS, IA 51031
Plan Sponsor Tax ID Number:	42-0933522
Plan Number:	501
Type of Plan:	Group Plan
Name, Address, Phone Number of Plan Administrator	MARK MCCARTY SCHUSTER COMPANY 2605 LINCOLN AVE SW LE MARS, IA 51031 712-546-5124
Name, Address of Registered Agent For Service of Legal Process:	Plan Sponsor
If Legal Process Involves Claims For Benefits Under The Group Plan Additional Notification of Legal Process Must Be Sent To:	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. P.O. Box 82595 Lincoln, NE 68501
Sources of Contributions:	Employer/Member
Funding Method:	Self Funded
Plan Fiscal Year End:	December 31
Type of Administration:	
General	
Administration	Plan Sponsor
Contract & Claim	
Administration	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.

**B. Notice of Legal Process**

Service of legal process may be made upon the plan administrator at the address listed above.

**C. Eligibility and Benefits Provided Under the Group Plan**

Please refer to the Conditions for Coverage within the Group Plan and Document of Coverage for a detailed description of the eligibility for participation under the plan as well as the benefits provided. If this plan includes a participating provider (PPO) option, provider lists are furnished without charge, as a separate document.

**D. Qualified Medical Child Support Order ("QMCSO")**

QMCSO Determinations. A Plan participant or beneficiary can obtain, without charge, a copy of the Plan's procedures governing Qualified Medical Child Support Order determinations from the Plan Administrator.

**E. Termination Of The Group Plan**

The Group Plan which provides benefits for this plan may be terminated by the Planholder at any time with prior written notice to Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. It will terminate automatically if the Planholder fails to pay the required fees. Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. may terminate the Group Plan on any Fee Due Date if the number of persons covered is less than the required minimum, or if Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. believes the Planholder has failed to perform its obligations relating to the Group Plan.

After the first Plan year, Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. may also terminate the Group Plan on any Fee Due Date for any reason by providing a 30-day advance written notice to the Planholder.

The Group Plan may be changed in whole or in part. No change or amendment will be valid unless it is approved in writing by a Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. executive officer.

**F. Claims For Benefits**

Claims procedures are furnished automatically, without charge, as a separate document.

**G. Continuation of Coverage Provisions (COBRA)**

COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985) gives Qualified Beneficiaries the right to elect COBRA continuation after the Plan ends because of a Qualifying Event. The law generally covers group health plans maintained by employers with 20 or more employees in the prior year. The law does not, however, apply to plans sponsored by the Federal government and certain church-related organizations.

**i. Definitions For This Section**

Qualified Beneficiary means a Covered Person who is covered by the plan on the day before a qualifying event. Any child born to or placed for adoption with a covered employee during the period of COBRA coverage is considered a qualified beneficiary.

A Qualifying Event occurs when:

1. The Member dies (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 1);
2. The Member's employment terminates for reasons other than gross misconduct as determined by the Employer (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 2);
3. The Member's work hours fall below the minimum number required to be a Member (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 3);

4. The Member becomes divorced or legally separated from a Spouse (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 4);
5. The Member becomes entitled to receive Medicare benefits under Title XVII of the Social Security Act (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 5);
6. The Child of a Member ceases to be a Dependent (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 6);
7. The Employer files a petition for reorganization under Title 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, provided the Member is retired from the Employer and is covered on the date the petition is filed (hereinafter referred to as Qualifying Event 7).

**ii. Electing COBRA Continuation**

- A. Each Qualified Beneficiary has the right to elect to continue coverage that was in effect on the day before the Qualifying Event. The Qualified Beneficiary must apply in writing within 60 days of the later of:
  1. The date on which this plan would otherwise end;
  2. The date on which the Employer or Plan Administrator gave the Qualified Beneficiary notice of the right to COBRA continuation.
- B. A Qualified Beneficiary who does not elect COBRA Continuation coverage during their original election period may be entitled to a second election period if the following requirements are satisfied:
  1. The Member's Coverage ended because of a trade related termination of their employment, which resulted in being certified eligible for trade adjustment assistance;
  2. The Member is certified eligible for trade adjustment assistance (as determined by the appropriate governmental agency) within 6 months of the date Coverage ended due to the trade related termination of their employment; and
  3. The Qualified Beneficiary must apply in writing within 60 days after the first day of the month in which they are certified eligible for trade adjustment assistance.

**iii. Notice Requirements**

1. When the Member becomes covered, the Plan Administrator must inform the Member and Spouse in writing of the right to COBRA continuation.
2. The Qualified Beneficiary must notify the Plan Administrator in writing of Qualifying Event 4 or 6 above within 60 days of the later of:
  - a. The date of the Qualifying Event; or
  - b. The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary loses coverage due to the Qualifying Event.
3. A Qualified Beneficiary, who is entitled to COBRA continuation due to the occurrence of Qualifying Event 2 or 3 and who is disabled at any time

during the first 60 days of continuation coverage as determined by the Social Security Administration pursuant to Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, must notify the Plan Administrator of the disability in writing within 60 days of the later of:

- a. The date of the disability determination;
  - b. The date of the Qualifying Event; or
  - c. The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary loses coverage due to the Qualifying Event.
4. Each Qualified Beneficiary who has become entitled to COBRA continuation with a maximum duration of 18 or 29 months must notify the Plan Administrator of the occurrence of a second Qualifying Event within 60 days of the later of:
- a. The date of the Qualifying Event; or
  - b. The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary loses coverage due to the Qualifying Event.
5. The Employer must give the Plan Administrator written notice within 30 days of the occurrence of Qualifying Event 1, 2, 3, 5, or 7.
6. Within 14 days of receipt of the Employer's notice, the Plan Administrator must notify each Qualified Beneficiary in writing of the right to elect COBRA continuation.

In order to protect your rights, Members and Qualified Beneficiaries should inform the Plan Administrator in writing of any change of address.

#### **iv. COBRA Continuation Period**

1. 18-month COBRA Continuation

Each Qualified Beneficiary may continue Coverage for up to 18 months after the date of Qualifying Event 2 or 3.

2. 29-month COBRA Continuation

Each Qualified Beneficiary, who is entitled to COBRA continuation due to the occurrence of Qualifying Event 2 or 3 and who is disabled at any time during the first 60 days of continuation coverage as determined by the Social Security Administration pursuant to Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, may continue coverage for up to 29 months after the date of the Qualifying Event. All Covered Persons in the Qualified Beneficiary's family may also continue coverage for up to 29 months.

3. 36-Month COBRA Continuation

If you are a Dependent, you may continue coverage for up to 36 months after the date of Qualifying Event 1, 4, 5, or 6. Each Qualified Beneficiary who is entitled to continue Coverage for 18 or 29 months may be eligible to continue coverage for up to 36 months after the date of

their original Qualifying Event if a second Qualifying Event occurs while they are on continuation coverage.

Note: The total period of COBRA continuation available in 1 through 3 will not exceed 36 months.

4. COBRA Continuation For Certain Bankruptcy Proceedings

If the Qualifying Event is 7, the COBRA continuation period for a retiree or retiree's Spouse is the lifetime of the retiree. Upon the retiree's death, the COBRA continuation period for the surviving Dependents is 36 months from the date of the retiree's death.

**v. Fee Requirements**

The Plan continued under this provision will be retroactive to the date the Plan would have ended because of a Qualifying Event. The Qualified Beneficiary must pay the initial required fee not later than 45 days after electing COBRA continuation, and monthly fee on or before the Fee Due Date thereafter. The monthly fee is a percentage of the total fee (both the portion paid by the employee and any portion paid by the employer) currently in effect on each Fee Due Date. The fee may change after you cease to be Actively at Work. The percentage is as follows:

18 month continuation - 102%

29 month continuation - 102% during the first 18 months, 150% during the next 11 months

36 month continuation - 102%

**viii. When COBRA Continuation Ends**

COBRA continuation ends on the earliest of:

1. The date the Group Plan terminates;
2. 31 days after the date the last period ends for which a required fee payment was made;
3. The last day of the COBRA continuation period
4. The date the Qualified Beneficiary first becomes entitled to Medicare coverage under Title XVII of the Social Security Act;
5. The first date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is: (a) covered under another group Eye Care Plan and (b) not subject to any preexisting condition limitation in that Plan.

**H. Your Rights under ERISA**

As a participant in this Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

## **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as work-sites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefit Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

## **Continue Group Health Plan Coverage**

Continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse or dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the plan on the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

## **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to operate and administer this plan prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

## **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

## **Assistance with Your Rights**

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department

of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

**CLAIMS REVIEW PROCEDURES  
AS REQUIRED UNDER  
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974 (ERISA)**

The following provides information regarding the claims review process and your rights to request a review of any part of a claim that is denied. Please note that certain state laws may also require specified claims payment procedures as well as internal appeal procedures and/or independent external review processes. Therefore, in addition to the review procedures defined below, you may also have additional rights provided to you under state law.

**CLAIMS FOR BENEFITS**

Claims may be submitted by mailing the completed claim form along with any requested information to:

Vision Service Plan  
Attn: Claims Services  
P.O. Box 385018  
Birmingham, AL 35238-5018

**NOTICE OF DECISION OF CLAIM**

We will evaluate your claim promptly after we receive it.

We will provide you written notice regarding the payment under the claim within 30 calendar days following receipt of the claim. This period may be extended for an additional 15 days, provided that we have determined that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond our control, and notify you, prior to the expiration of the initial 30-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which we expect to render a decision. If the extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension shall specifically describe the required information we need to decide the claim.

If we request additional information, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may decide your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Plan on which our decision is based.
- c. Reference to any internal rule or guideline relied upon in making our decision, along with your right to receive a copy of these guidelines, free of charge, upon request.
- d. A statement that you may request an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment we relied upon to exclude expenses that are experimental or investigational, or are not necessary or accepted according to generally accepted standards of Eye Care practice.
- e. A description of any additional information needed to support your claim and why such information is necessary.
- f. Information concerning your right to a review of our decision.
- g. Information concerning your right to bring a civil action for benefits under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on review.

**APPEAL PROCEDURE**

If all or part of a claim is denied, you may request a review in writing within 180 days after receiving notice of the benefit denial.



You may send us written comments or other items to support your claim. You may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to your appeal. There will be no charge for such copies. You may request the names of the experts we consulted who provided advice to us about your claim.

The appeal review will be conducted by the Plan's named fiduciary and will be someone other than the person who denied the initial claim and will not be subordinate to that person. The person conducting the review will not give deference to the initial denial decision. If the denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including determinations with regard to whether a service was considered experimental, investigational, and/or not medically necessary, the person conducting the review will consult with a qualified health care professional. This health care professional will be someone other than the person who made the original judgment and will not be subordinate to that person. Our review will include any written comments or other items you submit to support your claim.

We will review your claim promptly after we receive your request.

If your appeal is about urgent care, you may call Toll Free at 877-897-4328, and an Expedited Review will be conducted. Verbal notification of our decision will be made within 72 hours, followed by written notice within 3 calendar days after that.

If your appeal is about benefit decisions related to clinical or medical necessity, a Standard Consultant Review will be conducted. A written decision will be provided within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the request for appeal.

If your appeal is about benefit decisions related to coverage, a Standard Administrative Review will be conducted. A written decision will be provided within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the request for appeal.

If we deny any part of your claim on review, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Plan on which our decision is based.
- c. Reference to any internal rule or guideline relied upon in making our decision along with your right to receive a copy of these guidelines, free of charge, upon request.
- d. Information concerning your right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to your claim.
- e. A statement that you may request an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment we relied upon to exclude expenses that are experimental or investigational, or are not necessary or accepted according to generally accepted standards of Eye Care practice.
- f. Information concerning your right to bring a civil action for benefits under section 502(a) of ERISA.

Certain state laws also require specified internal appeal procedures and/or external review processes. In addition to the review procedures defined above, you may also have additional rights provided to you under state law. Please review your certificate of coverage for such information, call us, or contact your state regulatory agency for assistance. In any event, you need not exhaust such state law procedures prior to bringing civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA.

Any request for appeal should be directed to:

Quality Control, P.O. Box 82657, Lincoln, NE 68501-2657.