

## Don't Let 2002 Run Out On You; Many Vision Benefits Expire At Year's End

(NAPSA)—With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season upon us, don't forget to do something important for yourself: Schedule your yearly eye exam. Because many vision benefits and flex spending accounts expire on December 31, it's a good idea to schedule an appointment now, so you don't risk losing your 2002 benefits.

Annual eye exams by a doctor of optometry are key to maintaining optimum vision during one's lifetime. Plus, routine eye exams offer the best hope for early detection of eye diseases such as glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, all of which seriously affect vision.

Thinking about a new pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses? A variety of optical services may be available to you and your family at a substantial discount or may even be paid for through your current health plan, employer group or HMO.

To find out if you have vision coverage, the eyecare professionals at Pearle Vision recommend you start by reviewing your employee benefits package. If you



**If you require vision services, it's a good idea to see if your benefit plan offers coverage.**

can't find the information you're looking for, contact your human resources department or call your health plan's member services department. If you are eligible for

vision benefits, call your eyecare provider in advance to schedule an appointment and to confirm the provider's participation.

Pearle Vision is a network provider for Cole Managed Vision, one of the nation's largest vision care companies. With more than 80 million members, Cole Managed Vision offers comprehensive benefits and discount programs to some of the nation's largest corporations. Pearle Vision accepts most vision care plans and offers discounts to many affiliated membership associations such as AARP.

Eye exams are available by independent doctors of optometry at or next to Pearle Vision, Inc. in most states. Doctors in some states are employed by Pearle Vision, Inc. Pearle Vision, Inc. does not employ doctors of optometry and does not provide eye exams in California. Pearle VisionCare, Inc., a licensed vision health care service plan, provides eye exams in California.

For more information, or to locate the Pearle Vision store nearest you, visit the Web site at [www.pearlevision.com](http://www.pearlevision.com) or call 1-800-YES-EYES.