

Member Portal User Guide

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About this Guide

Icons Used in Documentation

As you read this document, you will notice the following icons:

Icon Description

Notes contain additional information to help you complete your work more efficiently.



Important facts contain critical information that can affect your Member Portal procedures.



Shortcuts contain information about a faster way to accomplish a task.



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Introduction

Our Member Portal provides a user-friendly, web-based environment that allows you to:

- View Member Information
- Access Your Benefits Summary
- Find a Provider
- Print an ID Card
- View Explanation of Benefits
- Submit Out-of-Network Claims
- Contact Us
- Chat Live



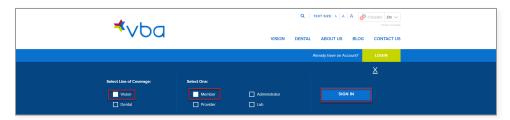
Logging In/Out

Registering Your Account

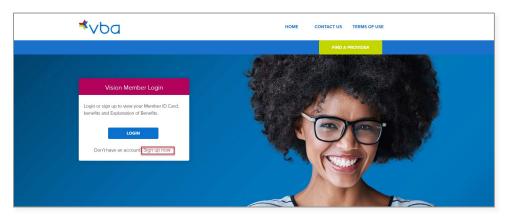
Go to www.vbaplans.com, then click LOGIN.



Select Vision, then Member, then click SIGN IN.



To register your account, click Sign up now.





Enter the Policyholder's Email address.



Each policyholder may only register their account with one email address. If your covered dependents need to access the VBA Member Portal, they must enter the registered email address and One-Time Code sent to the same email address to login.

Enter the Policyholder's Birth Date (in MM/DD/YYY format).

Enter the Policyholder's Zip Code.

Enter the last 4- digits of the Policyholder's Social Security Number or Member ID provided by the group.

Click Send Verification Code.



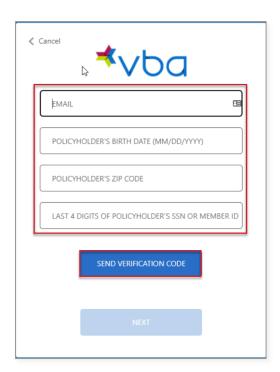
The combination of Policyholder's Birth Date, Zip Code and last 4 digits of their Social Security Number or Member ID must match for a user to be able to log in.

VBA receives member name, address and date of birth from the employer.

- If your information is incorrect, please contact the employer's benefits administrator or human resources department.
- All changes to your information must be made by the employer's benefits administrator or human resources department.

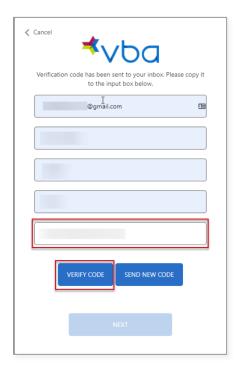


Access and use of this portal by and through any third-party software applications or services is strictly prohibited without the express written consent of VBA. VBA may suspend or terminate your access to these online services at any time, for any reason or for no reason at all. If you experience a disruption in service due to the unauthorized access or misuse of this portal, contact us.





Enter the **code** sent to the email address you entered, then click **Verify Code**.



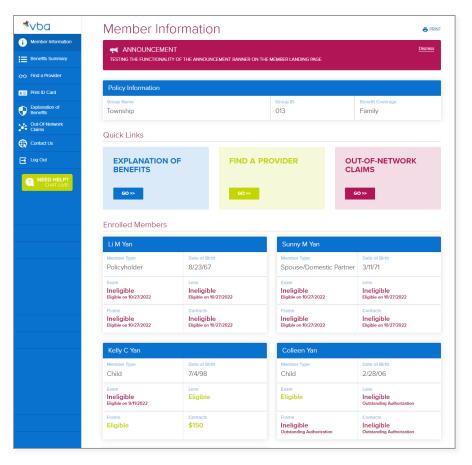
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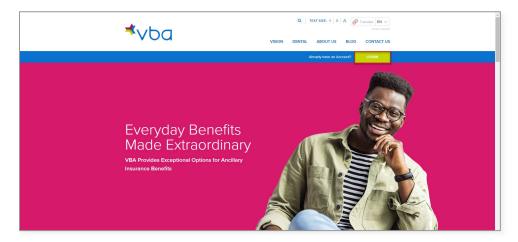
The policyholder's page loads with all the correct member information.



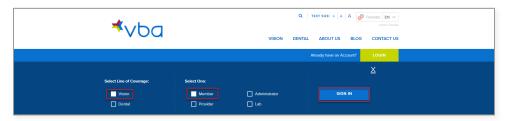


Logging In After Registering

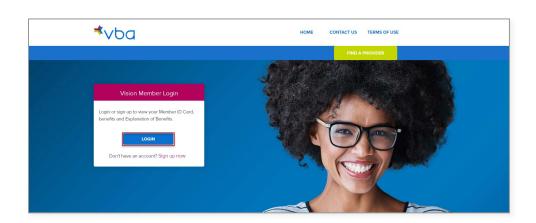
Go to www.vbaplans.com, then click LOGIN.



Select Vision, then Member, then click SIGN IN.



Click Login.





Enter the policyholder's email address, then click Send Verification Code.



Enter the **code** sent to the email address you entered, then click **Verify Code**.

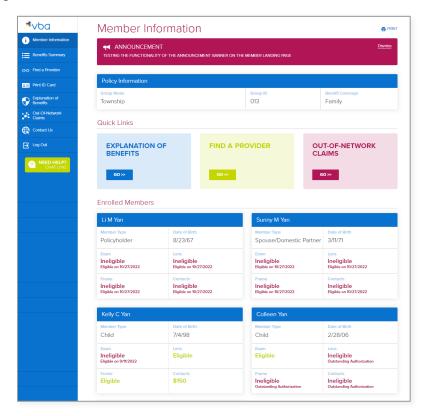




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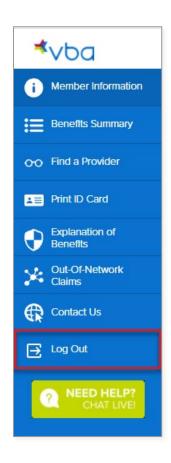
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Logging Out

To log out, click **Log Out** in the left navigation.



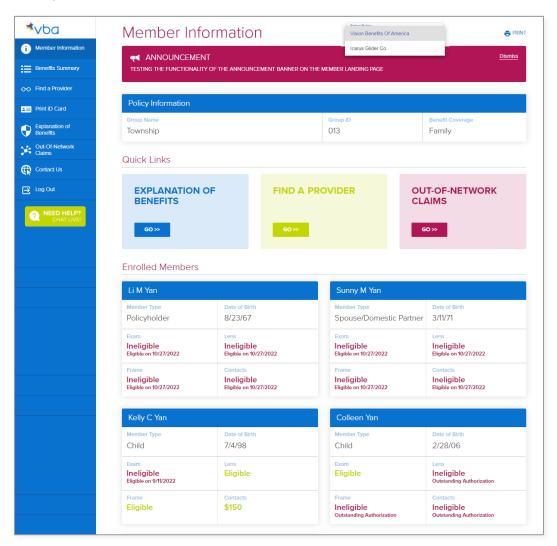


View Member Information

The Member Information page provides a snapshot of eligibility based on the plan's requirements, as well as quick links to other important Member Portal functions.

The screen is broken down as follows:

- If the policyholder is associated with more than one policy, a drop-down box appears at the top of the screen to allow the user to select which policy they want to reference.
- Important announcements are displayed in the top banner. Click **Dismiss** after you have read the announcement to remove it from your page view.
- Policy Information provides the member's Group Name, Group ID and Benefit Coverage details.
- Quick Links provide navigational shortcuts to featured pages.
- Enrolled Members provides detailed eligibility information for each active person enrolled under the policyholder's plan.



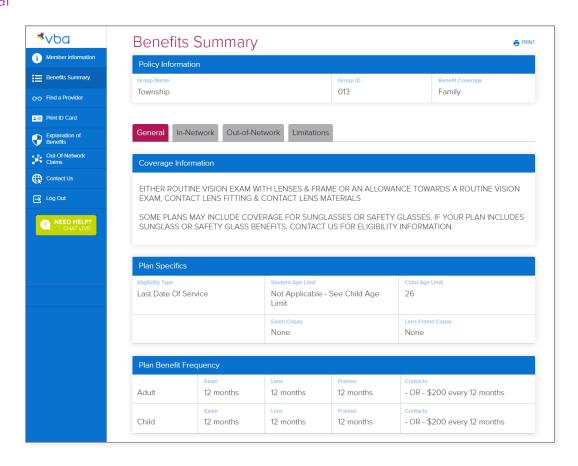


Access Your Benefits Summary

This page describes the member's general and detailed plan/coverage information across four different tabs:

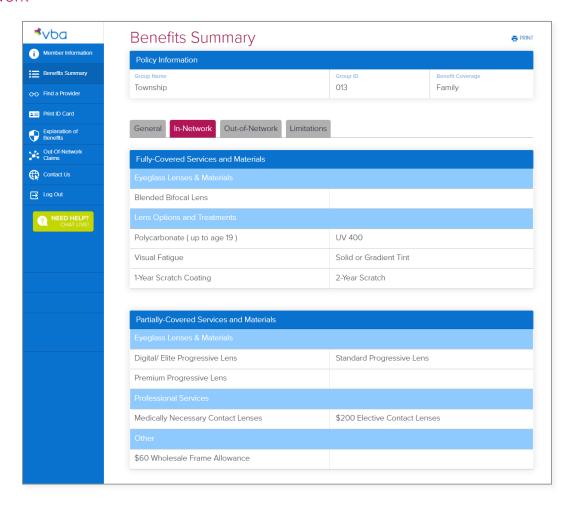
- General provides coverage information, plan specifics and plan benefit frequency.
- In-Network provides detailed fully- and partially-covered services and materials.
- Out-of-Network provides coverage information for Out-of-Network services and materials.
- Limitations provides details on non-covered services and materials, as well as plan terms and conditions.

General



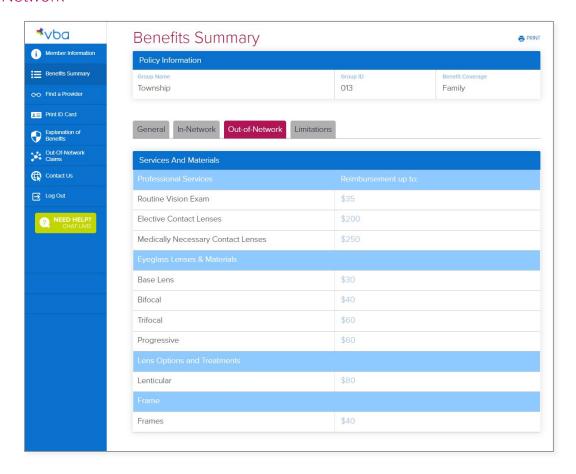


In-Network



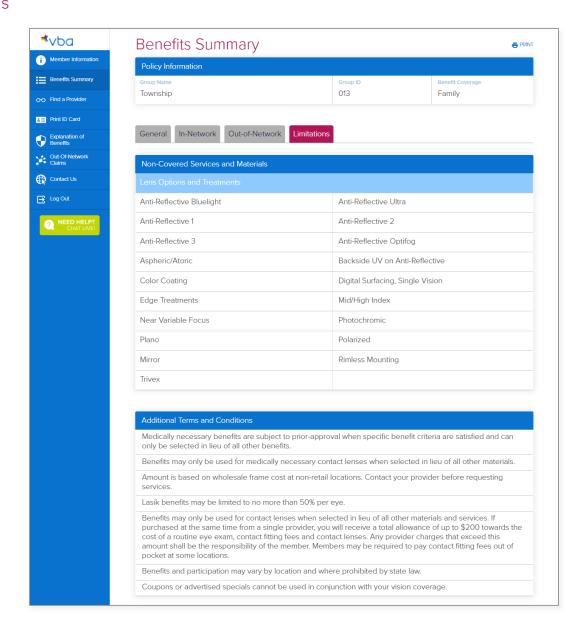


Out-of-Network





Limitations





Find a Provider

Search by Zip Code and Distance

Enter a **Zip Code**.

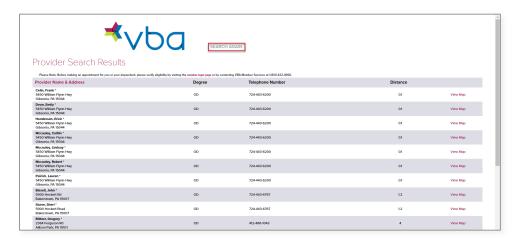
Enter the **Distance** from that Zip Code.

Click Search.



The results will display in a new window.

Click Search Again to return to the Find a Provider screen.





Search by Last Name and State



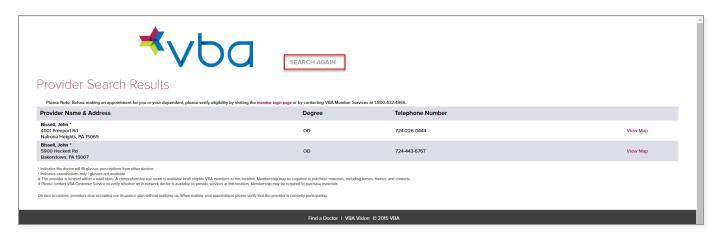
Enter the Last Name of the provider.

Optionally, enter the **State** the provider is located in.

Click Search.

The results will display in a new window.

Click **Search Again** to return to the Find a Provider screen.





Print an ID Card

The Print ID Card screen allows members to view and print their member ID card.



VBA does not require the use of member ID cards to make an appointment or visit your innetwork VBA provider.

Click on View Card to download a copy.



The PDF will open in a new window for you to view or print it.





THANK YOU FOR BEING A VBA MEMBER!

At VBA, we strive to make things as simple as possible for our members. While a member card is not necessary to access your benefits, you can use your VBA member card so that you have all of your plan information handy whenever you visit your doctor's office.

Using your in-network benefits is simple.

- · Log in to the VBA Member Portal to confirm eligibility for services and materials.
- . Use our online Provider Finder to search for doctors in the VBA network.
- Schedule an appointment with the provider and let the office know you have vision benefit coverage through VBA prior to receiving services or purchasing materials.
- · The provider will submit all claims for covered benefits directly to VBA.
- . The provider will discuss and collect any copayments and/or out-of-pocket expenses from you, if applicable.

On rare occasions, a provider may discontinue participation in our network without proper notice. While making your appointment, verify participation to avoid any inconvenience.

Do you know all the advantages of VBA membership?

We partner with several other companies that provide services to better your health and wellness.



Save up to \$1000 on Custom Bladeless LASIK using Wavelight with featured in-network providers LasikPlus, TLC Laser Eye Centers and The LASIK Vision Institute. Schedule your free consultation today! Call 1-877-437-6105.



Schedule a complimentary hearing evaluation and save over 40% on premium aids with the latest technology. Call 855-203-7979.

Member Identification Card

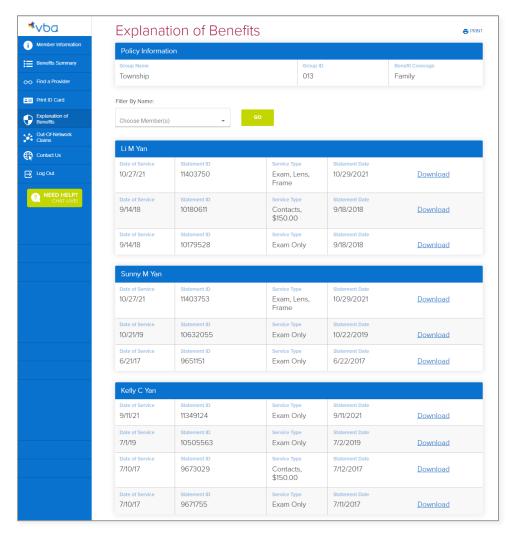


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View Explanation of Benefits

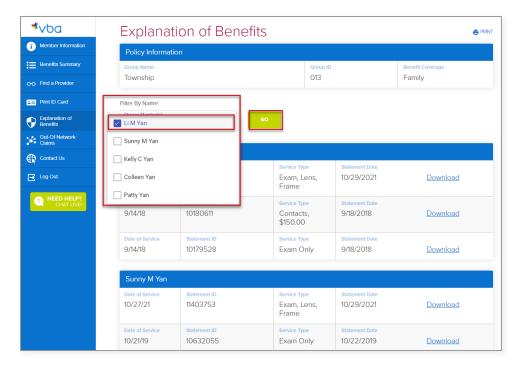
The Explanation of Benefits (EOB) page enables you to view and download EOB statements for you and your active dependents. EOB statements are available online for four years.





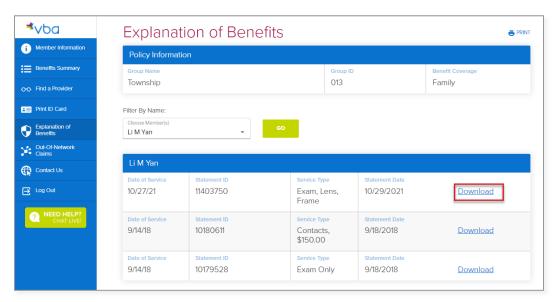
To filter by name:

- Select one or more Names from the Filter By Name drop-down list.
- Click Go twice.



To download an EOB statement:

- Click **Download** next to the Policyholder or Dependent you want to view the EOB statement for.
- The PDF will open in a new window for you to view or print it.







For any Questions on this Statement, Please Call: 1-800-432-4966 • Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., EST.

EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

THIS IS NOT A BILL

 Policyholder Name:
 Li M Yan
 Group Name:
 Township

 Policyholder Address:
 123 Main Street
 Group #:
 013

 Address Line 2:
 Gibsonia, PA 19464
 Statement Date:
 10/29/2021

Policyholder ID Number: 6576

Claim Details

Claim #: 11403750 Provider: Drs Darbenzio & Sokol & Salak

Patient: Li M Yan (Member) Provider ID: PA01402

Date of Service	Service	Total Amount	Amount Covered by Plan	Member Responsibility	Explanation
10/27/2021	Routine Examination	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
	Dispensing Fee	\$38.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	
	Basic Scratch Coating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Premium 1 (B) Progressive - Base	\$18.50	\$18.50	\$0.00	
	Premium 1 (B) Progressive - Upcharge	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	
	Aspheric & Atoric (Mid Index) MF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Mid Index / Trivex MF	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
	Standard A/R 2	\$52.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	
	ZYL Frame Mounting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Frames	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	
	Total	\$358.50	\$166.50	\$192.00	

^{*}Please call VBA at 1-800-432-4966 if you need diagnosis and/or treatment code information for the services referenced above.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

This Explanation of Benefits (EOB) is a summary of claims (bills) sent to Vision Benefits of America, Inc. (VBA) for benefits provided on the date(s) of service listed above. The EOB tells you what services VBA covered and indicates the Member's financial responsibility to the Provider. The "Plan" refers to your vision insurance plan with VBA.

If you believe this claim was submitted as the result of fraud, please contact VBA at 1-800-432-4966.

This statement may only list benefits covered (fully or partially) by the Plan. In the event you need information regarding additional non-covered options, services or materials received during the Patient's visit as part of a private-pay transaction with the Provider, please contact the Provider's office directly. Provider pricing for certain services may be higher in some states where discounts/cost-containment on non-covered services and/or materials is prohibited. Additionally, sales tax may be added, where required by state law.

Please see Below for Important Information about your Rights related to this Statement

About Your Rights Appeals. You have the right to appeal any decision not to pay for an item or service (in whole or in part). To file an appeal, you can obtain VBA's "Member Grievance Form" by calling 1-800-432-4966 or going to www.vbaplans.com, in the "Member" section under the "FoRMS" tab. Appeals must be submitted to VBA in writing at the following address: VBA Appeals, 400 Lydia Street, Suite 300, Camegie, PA 15106. Appeals must be made within 180 days from the date you receive this statement. VBA must complete its internal review of the appeal within 30 days by a reviewer different from, and independent of, the initial reviewer. You will be provided with notice of the appeal decision. All relevant records associated with VBA's decision are available free of charge upon request. If you are unsatisfied with the outcome of VBA's internal review, yournay be able to request an external review by an independent third party. You may also have the right to bring civil action under the Employee Retirement income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), if all required reviews of your claim have been completed. If you have questions about the appeal process, please contact VBA at 1-800-432-4966.

Availability of Consumer Assistance Programs. There may be other resources to help you understand the appeals process. If your plan is governed by ERISA, you can contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272. If your plan is not governed by ERISA, you can contact the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at 1-888-393-2789. Your state consumer assistance program may also be able to assist you at:

Pennsylvania Department of Insurance 1209 Strawberry Square Harrisburg, PA 17120 (877) 881-6388 https://www.insurance.pa.gov/Consumers/Pages/default.aspx

For a list of health insurance consumer assistance programs, by state, you can visit: https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Consumer-Assistance-Grants/#statelisting

Privacy Protection. You have the right to request an alternative location and/or method of receipt for this statement. You may access VBA'sNotice of Privacy Practices for your full list of rights under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), at www.vbaplans.com or by contacting VBA's Compliance Department at 1-800-432-4966.

Civil Rights. VBA complies with all applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. If you think you were treated unfairly, you can send a complaint to: VBA, Civil Rights Coordinator, at the address listed on the bottom of this statement. You must send the complaint within 60 days of when you found out about it. We will send a decision to you within 30 days. If you disagree with the decision, you have 15 days to ask us to review your complaint again. If you need help with your complaint, please call us toll-free at 1-800-432-4966, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., EST.

 You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201. For complaint forms and additional help, you can call the Dept. of HHS toll-free at (800) 368-1019, (800) 537-7697 (TDD).

Foreign Language Services

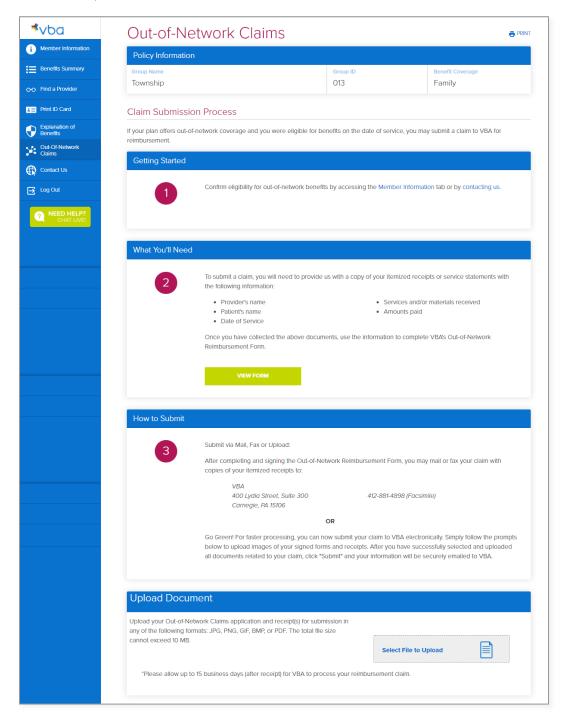
SPANISH (español): Para obtener asistencia en español, por favor llame al 1-800-432-4966. TAGALOG (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-800-432-4966. CHINESE (中文): 如龍中文帮助, 请数电 1-800-432-4966. NAVAJO (Dine): Dinek'ehgo shika at'ohwol ninisingo, kwiijgo holne' 1-800-432-4966.

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Submit Out-of-Network Claims

The Out-of-Network (OON) Claims page allows you to download the appropriate claim form and upload the completed form with associated receipts for out-of-network services.





Uploading Out-of-Network Claims

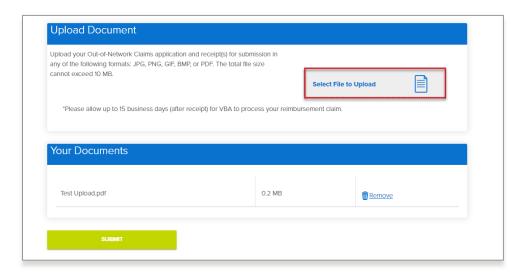
Select Files to upload from your computer.



The user can upload multiple files at the same time.



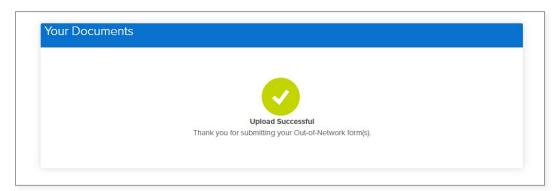
The user can upload their Out-of-Network Claims application and receipt(s) for submission in any of the following formats: JPG, PNG, GIF, BMP or PDF.





The user must have selected at least one file to upload for the **Submit** button to be activated.

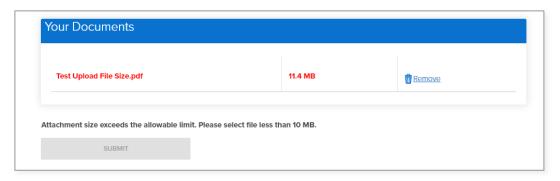
Click **Submit**. The system will display the following confirmation message to the user on the screen.





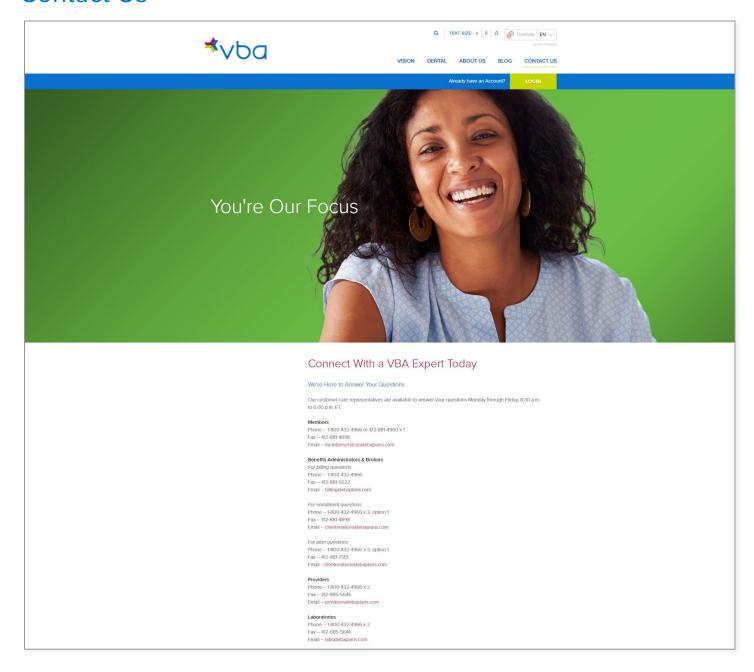


Office 365 has a default maximum message size of 10 MB. If the total of all files to be submitted exceeds 10 MB, the **Submit** button will not be activated and the system will display the following error message:





Contact Us





Contact Us After Hours

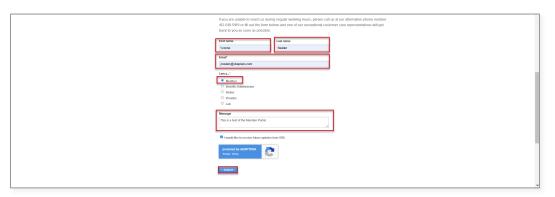
Enter your Name.

Enter a valid Email Address.

Select the **Member** radio button.

Enter an optional message.

Click **Submit**. You will receive a Thank You message to confirm your submission.



Stay in Touch

Click the **Drop-Down Arrow** to select Member.



Enter a valid Email Address.

Click **Submit**. You will receive a Thank You message to confirm your submission.





Chat Live



Chat is only available during VBA business hours Monday through Friday.

Select Customer Service.

Enter Your Name.

Enter the last 4 digits of the Policyholder's Social Security Number (SSN)

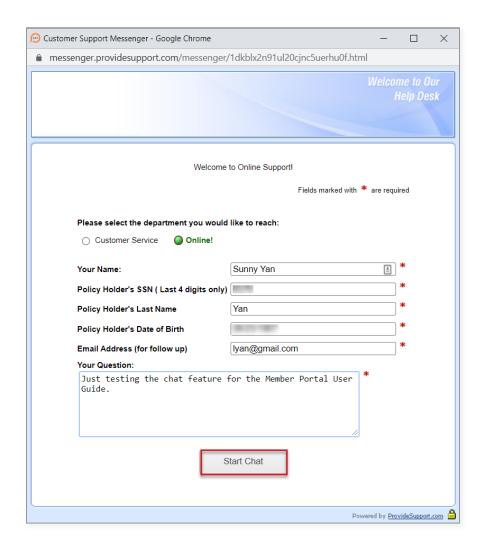
Enter the Policyholder's Last Name.

Enter the Policyholder's Date of Birth.

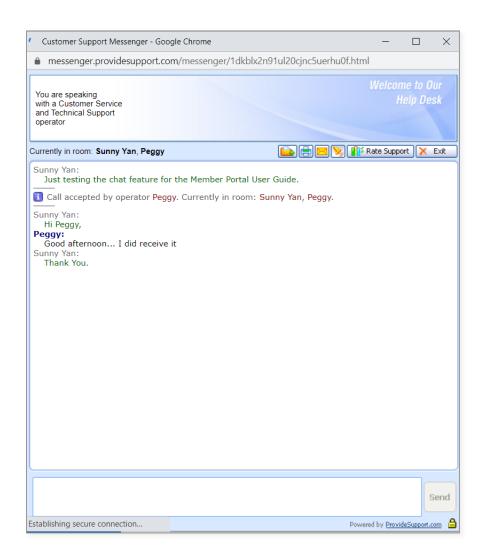
Enter an Email Address for follow up.

Enter Your Question.

Click Start Chat.









Account Registration FAQs

With an eye on your data security, VBA strives to be ahead of the curve when it comes to protecting your group's private and protected information. On November 2, 2023, we're updating the authentication method for members to access the VBA Member Portal.

We understand that data security is critical and, at times, complicated. That's why we're providing answers to the most frequently asked questions about member portal authentication.

Getting Started

Access The VBA Member Portal

- Go to <u>vbaplans.com</u> and click Login from the menu.
- Select Vision and Member options and click Sign In.
- Login or register your account.
- Access your and your covered dependents' benefits and claims information, chat with us, find a provider, print an ID card, access Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) and upload out-of-network claim forms.

Register Your Account

- Go to <u>vbaplans.com</u> and click Login from the menu.
- Select Vision and Member options and click Sign In.
- Select Sign Up Now.
- Enter your email address, the policyholder's birth date, zip code and last four digits of SSN or Member ID and click Send Verification Code.
- You will receive an email with a One-Time Code from noreply@visionbenefits.com.
- Enter your One-Time Code and click Verify Code.
- Select Next.
- Access your and your covered dependents' benefits and claims information, chat with us, find a provider, print an ID card, access Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) and upload out-of-network claim forms.

Login to Your Account

- Go to <u>vbaplans.com</u> and click Login from the menu.
- Select Vision and Member options and click Sign In.
- Select Login.
- Enter the email address you used to register your account and click Send Verification Code.
- You will receive an email with a One-Time Code from noreply@visionbenefits.com.
- Enter your One-Time Code and click Verify Code.
- Select Next.
- Access your and your covered dependents' benefits and claims information, chat with us, find a provider, print an ID card, access Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) and upload out-of-network claim forms.



Passwords

We know passwords are difficult to remember and fundamentally insecure. For these reasons, we've created a more secure user experience using a One-Time Code sent via email to authenticate your account. It's the same easy to use features of the VBA Member Portal without the frustrations of a password.

Why is VBA changing its member portal login process?

At VBA, we take great care to properly handle any protected health information (PHI) and maintain members' privacy. Collecting and maintaining this data is critical to our business, so we use technical, administrative and physical security measures to protect it.

We regularly test and review our technical security measures. We work with our expert team to make sure we have the most up-to-date technology.

Troubleshooting

Possible Reasons an Account is Not Accessible

It is important to verify that you are an actively enrolled VBA member before attempting to access the VBA Member Portal.

Pending or Terminated Enrollment

Contact your employer's benefits administrator or human resources department to make sure you are an actively enrolled VBA member. Members who are terminated or have a future enrollment date cannot access the VBA Member Portal.

Incorrect Policyholder Information

When you initially register your account, verify that you have provided a valid email address. If your email address is accurate and you are an active VBA member, we may have received information from your employer that does not match what you entered on the information screen.

VBA receives member name, address and date of birth from the employer.

- If your information is incorrect, please contact the employer's benefits administrator or human resources department.
- All changes to your information must be made by the employer's benefits administrator or human resources department.

Incorrect Email Address

Each policyholder may only register their account with one email address. If your covered dependents need to access the VBA Member Portal, they must enter the registered email address and One-Time Code sent to the same email address to login.

If you would like to change the email address associated with your registered account, contact us.

Update or Change Email Address

If you would like to change the email address associated with your registered account, contact us.

Account Not Registered

All active policyholders must register their account the first time they visit the VBA Member Portal beginning on November 2, 2023.



One-Time Code Not Received

If you are not receiving the One-Time Code emails in your inbox, search your spam folder as sometimes the emails end up there.

To prevent issues in the future, safelist <u>noreply@visionbenefits.com</u> to ensure you receive all One-Time Passcode emails

If none of those steps resolve the issue, contact us.

Questions About Registration

If you are not sure if you have registered your account, contact us.

Miscellaneous

Email Usage

The email address used to register your account is not used for email marketing purposes. VBA only uses this email address to send a One-Time Code for account authentication. We do not sell your data to third parties.



Change Summary

The Change Summary log below will be used to document revisions that are made after the initial publication of this guide.

Version	Date	Change Description
V1	9/2025	