

# Free Cataract Surgery



- Nothing to join
- No membership fees
- No obligation
- No cost to you

Helping seniors be free of cataracts.

## Eligibility

### Requirements

- Age 65 and older.
- United States citizen.
- Refraining from receiving cataract care due to the \$3,000 to \$600 out-of-pocket expense.
- Income from *employment* less than:
  - \$20,800 for a one person household
  - \$28,000 for a two person household
  - \$35,200 for a household of three or more

Only income from *employment* is calculated. Income from investments, retirement, Social Security, etc. is not considered. If individual is retired with only income from investments, retirement, and/or Social Security, then income from employment is zero.

### Exclusions

- Beneficiary of a Veterans Administration healthcare plan.
- Beneficiary of a restricted Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMO).
- Have the ability to pay out-of-pocket expenses without restriction.

### Final Determination

The need for waiver of any or all amounts is made by Cataract Free America participating healthcare providers on a case-by-case basis. Eligibility requirements may be changed at any time without prior notification.



“Free cataract  
surgery for  
eligible seniors.”

## How Surgery Can Be Free

### Cost Relief for Seniors

Cataract Free America™ is a nonprofit patient advocacy organization with a national network of qualified doctors and surgery centers who will provide cataract surgery for free or with no out-of-pocket expense to eligible seniors.

Cataract surgery with no out-of-pocket expense may be available even if the patient owns a home, is employed, has Medicare, or has Medicare plus a supplemental insurance plan.

### No Obligation, Nothing to Join

There is nothing to join, no obligation to continue care, and no additional insurance forms.

### Full Care

Care may include a comprehensive medical eye exam, new prescription for eye glasses, testing for cataracts and their effect on vision, cataract surgery, and normal follow-up care, all as required.

### Qualified Doctors

All participating doctors must meet specific professional requirements, including experience and certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology. The care provided is exactly the same as for any other patient and from the same doctors a patient would likely choose anyway.

## Cataracts

### What is a cataract?

A cataract is when the normally clear crystalline lens within the eye becomes cloudy. A cataract can occur in either one or both eyes. Age related cataracts are the leading cause of correctable blindness in the world, affecting millions each year.

### Symptoms

It is possible to have a cataract with no outward symptoms, however cataracts gradually reduce vision clarity. A senior who experiences difficulty driving, reduced ability to judge distances, inability to see certain colors, especially blues and purples, difficulty identifying small objects, or frequent changes in eyeglass prescription may have cataracts.

### Cataract Treatment

The clouded natural lens is surgically removed and replaced with a clear artificial lens. A local anesthetic is used. Often no needles or stitches are required. The patient will go home the same day. Vision recovery is normally within a few days to weeks.

### When to have cataracts removed.

A cataract needs to be removed when vision loss interferes with a person's everyday activities, such as driving, reading, flying, golf, watching TV, cooking, etc.

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### Don't Delay Care

Cataract care for free or at reduced cost is available to seniors age 65 and older who have delayed needed care because of restrictive \$600 to \$3,000 out-of-pocket expenses. Additional details are on the back.

## Call Today

### Schedule Exam

Call 1-888-592-1999 toll free and with no obligation for program details or to schedule an eye exam to see if cataracts are limiting your vision.



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