



CooperVision®

Adopt-A-Patient®

Program description

This program provides students an additional opportunity for a “hands on” fitting experience that would otherwise have been prevented by a patient’s lack of financial resources. CooperVision will provide selected patients in need a one-year supply of contact lenses upon completion of the fitting process at the school’s clinic or satellite clinics. **Adopt-A-Patient®** is intended to be a positive contact lens fitting experience for optometry students during their clinical contact lens rotation while serving under-privileged patients.

How the program works

Optometry students are encouraged to “adopt” a deserving patient from their community into the program, fit them with CooperVision soft contact lenses, and provide appropriate follow-up care during their clinical contact lens rotation.

Each student is allocated one complimentary annual supply of soft contact lenses from CooperVision that they can provide to a deserving low income patient in their community. CooperVision imposes no patient eligibility requirements other than ensuring the lenses selected are appropriate based on the examination findings. The school is responsible for determining patient eligibility.

Exam fees, fitting fees and follow up care will be determined by each school. Many schools utilize a sliding scale for clinic fees, which may assist in determining program eligibility.

Who is eligible?

CooperVision will leave recruitment criteria up to the discretion of the clinic director at each school. The only lenses excluded from the program are those with opaque or enhancing tints.

The primary beneficiaries of the program are typically younger patients who would greatly benefit from contact lens wear, but would otherwise be denied the opportunity because of their family’s income level.

Program participants are generally third year optometry students during their rotations at their school’s contact lens clinic.

Program dates

The program is open year round and each student is allowed to select one patient during their third year of optometry school.

Enrollment process

Lenses can be ordered by email or fax from CooperVision. The contact person at CooperVision for ordering lenses through **Adopt-A-Patient®** is Robin Leccese.

Payment / application / request process

VSP has partnered with CooperVision to provide financial assistance for the clinic fees for patients selected for this program. The contact person at VSP for the **Adopt-A-Patient®** program is Vernon De La Cruz.

It is important to order all **Adopt-A-Patient®** lenses through Robin Leccese in order to avoid being invoiced for the lenses.

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