

State of California

MEMORANDUM

To: PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT LIAISONS

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From: Department of Personnel Administration  
Benefits Division

Subject: Vision Care for Retirees Employed Under G.C. Section 21157

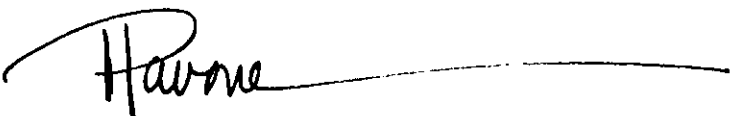
This memorandum is to clarify State policy with regard to retirees appointed under Government Code section 21157 and their eligibility for the Vision Service Plan program.

Section 21157, which is part of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) law, under certain conditions permits a person who retired for disability to be fully employed by the State while receiving disability retirement benefits (with State pay and PERS disability pay "coordinated"). Unlike the "Retired Annuitant Program" under Section 21153 (the Section under which most retirees are hired), Section 21157 does not limit the State or the retiree to a number of days worked per fiscal year without affecting his/her retirement status.

Therefore, a retired member appointed under Section 21157 to a civil service position on a permanent basis, satisfies the "permanent employee" criterion for vision care benefits and is eligible for vision care benefits if he or she also meets the other eligibility criteria (e.g., appointed full time, or part-time working half time or more).

Effective with the May 1, 1992, warrant, retirees appointed to a permanent position, and otherwise eligible for vision benefits will be automatically enrolled in the vision plan. No further action by appointing authorities will be necessary. The new enrollment (May 1, 1992) will include current appointees and will be extended to future appointees. If you have any questions regarding this process, please call Nick Villa on (916) 324-9486 or ATSS 454-9486.

Please note that while this memorandum deals with providing vision coverage to employees appointed under Government Code section 21157, retired annuitants employed under Government Code Section 21153 do not receive permanent appointments and do not qualify for vision care benefits.

  
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