



## **FACT SHEET: Vision Health in the U.S.**

Vision impairment and eye disease is a major health problem in the U.S. and, unlike cancer or heart disease, everyone will eventually face vision issues and need correction.

- Visual impairment is estimated to affect 6.4 percent of the U.S. population – 20.75 million people in 2016
- More than 8 out of 10 U.S. adults need vision correction
- The total economic burden of impaired vision and eye disorders is estimated at \$139 billion – among the costliest health conditions in the United States
- The aging of the American population and digital screen society are driving need higher
- Starting at 40, the risk for serious eye disease increases significantly
- 80 percent of childhood learning through age 12 is visual

NAVCP is the unified voice for the managed vision care industry promoting the value managed vision care brings to U.S. healthcare. The association currently has 33 member companies – 18 primary members (vision care plans) and 15 allied members (non-vision care plans). Primary members cover approximately 53 percent (170 million) of all Americans by partnering with eye care professionals in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

NAVCP provides a forum for cooperative industry collaboration on initiatives that work to preserve and strengthen consumer access to affordable vision insurance and benefits. We advocate for public policies and regulations that:

- Promote understanding about how managed vision care plans support healthy vision behavior
- Ensure price transparency for patients and employers
- Foster patient-centered cooperation between plans and providers