

Through the Looking Glass

Like so many of our 55+ Club members, I love a good bargain. For me, It's the thrill of the hunt. During our "New Normal" the thrill of shopping has been sidelined to online shopping which I find boring for the most part. However, I'm still are looking for that gem of a bargain to share that I didn't know existed. It's summer and I'm focused on eyewear.

Vision Care:

Medicare doesn't provide for free eye exams or free glasses. However, did you know that people with special eye or general health problems may qualify for eye exam coverage? Medicare eligible people with diabetes can get a dilated eye exam to check for diabetic eye disease, including diabetic retinopathy. This also includes those with a history or a family history of glaucoma. Patients must pay 20 percent of the Medicare-approved amount after the yearly Part B deductible. Check Medicare.gov for more information.

Valid AAA Membership provides Vision Care discounts. AAA works with Pearl Vision, Lens Crafters, Target Optical and EyeMed providers to provide discounted services. This offer expires 12/31/2020.

Eye Wear Shopping Options:

Buying nonprescription reading glasses at a hardware store or the dollar stores can save a bundle. Don't pay top dollar from drugstores.

For prescription eyewear, if you like designer frames, [Consumer Reports](#), states Luxottica, a manufacturer of frames for Chanel, Prada and Versace, also produces styles for Lens Crafters, Pearl Vision, Sears Optical and Target Optical. Raters of eyeglasses retailers listed Costco with top honors. Walmart also did well. Good to know.

Buying Online:

Buying Online eyeglasses is not for complex prescriptions. When deciding to buy eyewear online, choose vendors licensed in the United States, where safety standards and optical quality are high. Make sure you are offered a return policy, warranty or guarantee. That said, you can find some great deals and promotional codes to sweeten the deal.

Here's looking at you, Kid.

