Even with insurance, dental and vision care in the U.S. can be quite expensive, so you may want to take care of dental work and purchase corrective lenses before you leave or while visiting your home country. Yale Health does not offer dental or vision insurance. With their Hospitalization/Specialty Care coverage, you can get an eye exam and glasses prescription in their Ophthalmology Department [1], but the cost of corrective lenses are not covered. In the U.S., you need a prescription that was issued in the last 12 months from an ophthalmologist for eyeglasses or contact lenses.

- Graduate and professional school students can purchase an optional dental/vision care plan [2] through Delta Dental and/or EyeMed Vision Care.
- Faculty and staff who are employed at Yale can purchase a dental or vision care plan [3] that provides partial coverage.

Should you need dental care in the U.S., it’s a good idea to ask for a referral from someone you trust.

**Dental Emergencies** can be addressed at any hospital emergency room, and it is sometimes possible to get same-day appointments at a private dental office, if you call in advance.

**Appointment cancellations** must be made in accordance with office policy (usually 24 to 48 hours in advance) or you could be charged in full for a missed appointment.

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**Links:**
[1] https://yalehealth.yale.edu/directory/departments/ophthalmology-and-optometry
[3] https://your.yale.edu