

REFRACTION SERVICE AND FEE

Refraction is the process of determining if there is a need for corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses. It is an essential part of an eye examination and necessary to write a prescription for glasses or contact lenses.

Most medical insurance plans, including Medicare, do NOT cover routine refractions or routine eye examinations (when no medical eye problem is known or suspected). Medicare allows that we charge separately for that portion of the examination, since it is not a covered service. At times, it is medically necessary to perform a refraction to help determine the cause of visual changes. This is particularly helpful when patients have multiple issues affecting their eyes such as cataract, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Despite being medically necessary, refractions are still not considered a covered service.

If you have a separate vision plan that covers routine or annual eye examinations and/or glasses, please let us know. Your vision plan may assist you with your eye care needs that are not covered by your medical plan.

The Refraction fee is a separate fee from the eye examination fee. Our office fee for Refraction is \$45.00 and this fee is collected at the time of service in addition to any co-payment your plan may require. Should your plan pay us for the refraction, we will reimburse you accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding Medicare and insurance policies and procedures, please do not hesitate to ask. We will do our best to assist you.