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REFRACTION SERVICES AND FEES (as of 1/1/2025)

What is a refraction? A refraction is the process of determining your best corrected vision and if there is a need for corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses.

Why is it necessary? It is an essential part of the eye exam and is necessary in order to write a prescription for glasses or contact lenses. It is sometimes necessary depending on the patient's diagnosis and/or complaints presented that day. For example, if a patient is experiencing a decrease in visual acuity or blurred vision, a refraction would be needed to determine if this is due to a need for glasses or due to a medical problem. A refraction is also necessary to support the necessity of cataract surgery to insurance companies. **A refraction is an essential part of the exam however, many insurances DO NOT cover it.** These plans consider a refraction to be a "vision" service and not a "medical" service.

Can I decline a refraction? It is your choice to decline a refraction. If you decline, we may not be able to determine the cause for any change in vision and you will not receive a new prescription for glasses or contact lenses.

☐ MEDICARE: Our fee for the refraction is $35.00 and this fee is collected **at the time of service** in addition to any co-payment your plan may require.

☐ COMMERCIAL AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE: Our fee for the refraction is $35.00 and is in addition to any co-payment your plan may require. We will bill the refraction charge to your medical insurance plan. If your plan processes this charge as a non-covered service, you will receive a bill for this fee.

Patient Acknowledgement:

I have read the above information and understand that the refraction fee may not be a covered service. I accept full financial responsibility for the cost of this service if not covered by insurance. I understand that any copayment, coinsurance or deductible I may have is separate from and not included in the refraction fee.

Patient Name (printed) Date

Signature Relationship to Patient