

Why does my exam type matter?

Medicare and all insurance plans determine coverage based on your exam type. They also require us to provide a specific set of services based on their individual requirements.

Does this mean I have to pick my exam type before my appointment?

Yes! Because requirements vary, we must establish the payment method ahead of time. **Once we complete the exam, this cannot be changed.**

You will need to make this choice, but you are welcome to call our billing department at 800.472.0033 (choose option #3) if you would like assistance. You can also find many answers in this brochure.



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A Guide to Your Eye Exam



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What are my exam type options?

Routine Eye Exam
OR
Medical Eye Exam

What is included in my ECW eye exam?

Unlike many vision centers, the Eye Clinic offers comprehensive, dilated vision exams. This means that we not only give you a glasses or contact lens prescription, we also do a full vision, medication and health history; an eye health evaluation, refraction, and a dilation.

These additional services help us give you the most accurate care to ensure your eye health.

Why might I have a routine eye exam?

You would choose an annual routine eye exam if you are coming because you are experiencing vision changes that can be corrected by contacts or glasses. These changes include:

Myopia (near-sightedness)
Hyperopia (far-sightedness)
Presbyopia (bifocal age)
Astigmatism

You would also choose a routine eye exam if you are coming for an examination without any medical eye problems, and without any known symptoms of an eye problem.

How is a routine eye exam billed?

The exam portion will be billed to your vision insurance. If required, there is a separate contact lens evaluation fee.

The refraction portion of your eye exam is billed separately, and is not covered by your medical insurance. Please check with your insurance carrier for details.

Why might I have a medical eye exam?

You would choose a medical exam if you are coming because you are experiencing a medical symptom or condition, such as the ones listed below:

Cataracts	Conjunctivitis
Diabetes	Sudden loss of vision
Glaucoma	Ptosis (<i>drooping eyelid</i>)
Chronic Dry Eye	Chalazion
Iritis (<i>eye inflammation</i>)	Trichiasis (<i>misdirected lashes</i>)
Macular Degeneration	Foreign body
Strabismus (<i>eye turning</i>)	Other: _____

Why might a routine exam turn into a medical exam?

A medical eye exam occurs if you are evaluated for a medical condition or symptom that:

You are experiencing
You tell our staff about

The doctor finds during the examination

If this happens during your routine exam, then you will be asked to change appointment type or return for another appointment.

How is a medical eye exam billed?

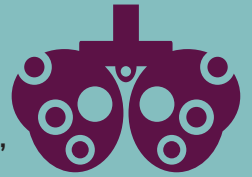
The exam portion will be billed to your medical insurance. If required, there is a separate contact lens evaluation fee.

What is a refraction?

The refraction is an examination that tests an individual's ability to see an object at a specific distance.

The test involves looking through a device called a phoropter (pictured on cover) to read letters on a wall chart through lenses of differing strength which are contained within the device.

During this process, the eye doctor or technician will ask you, **"Is it Better 1 - or Better 2?"**



Do I have to pay for the refraction?

Yes. CMS (the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and private insurance carriers consider the refraction a non-covered service (and have done so since Medicare was created in 1965).

Therefore, refractions are not a payable part of an eye exam with Medicare and many other private insurance carriers; you may be responsible to pay for this service. Please be prepared to pay at time of appointment.