

## **Refraction**

**What is a refraction?** A refraction is the portion of your eye exam where your prescription is determined for glasses and / or contact lenses. This is the test when we put a machine (phoropter) in front of your eyes and ask which one looks better “one or two”

**Is it necessary?** If you are referred for a cataract evaluation, or if you are considering a change in glasses during the upcoming year for any reason (for example **blurry vision, unable to see small print, unable to see the T.V. or the street signs**, lenses are scratched, broken frames) or if your vision is worse than 20/40 in either eye—a refraction will be necessary to properly diagnose/treat and give you a prescription.

**Why is it separate from my normal exam?** Several years ago in an effort to trim costs, Medicare decided that glasses did not fall under the window of health (similar to most dental work) Most other insurance companies followed Medicare’s lead.

**What is the cost?** Our practice charges **\$40.00** for the refraction. **Contact lens fitting or adjustment is a separate fee which is not covered by your medical insurance, and not included in the refraction fee.**

**Who pays?** The patient is responsible at the time of service for the refraction fee. This fee is applicable even if your new prescription has not changed from your current prescription.

As a courtesy to all our patients we will submit the refraction fee to your medical insurance. In rare cases the insurance company may pay for the refraction. If this occurs we will credit your account and send you a refund check.

We are presenting this information so that you, our patient, are informed and able to help us determine how best to serve you.

Please indicate below by checking the appropriate choice and signing that you have read this consent.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do require a refraction for new glasses and / or to be fit with contact lenses.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not require a refraction today.

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Patient Signature

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Date