

ALL EYECARE OPTOMETRY MEDICARE REFRACTION AND OPTOMAP FORM

What is a refraction?

Refraction is a measurement taken by an eye doctor to determine whether a patient has nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia), or astigmatism. Based on the results of the refraction, the doctor decides whether or not to prescribe glasses. A refraction can be accurately performed on a patient of any age, with or without his or her input. For the majority of patients, refraction is a critical component of an eye examination.

Will your insurance pay for a refraction?

Even though this is a vital test in the care of your eyes, the refraction is a **non-covered** benefit with most insurance plans. Unfortunately, they do not differentiate between "medical refractions" and refractions performed for the purpose of providing glasses or contact lenses. We are required to charge for this service regardless of whether your insurance company will cover the service as a benefit of your insurance plan. There is a fee of **\$40.00 (\$35.00 if paid at the time of the visit)** for this test. You will be asked to pay at the time of your visit. **This fee will be charged to you approximately one time per year.** This is a routine charge at all medical, optometric and surgical ophthalmology practices.

_____ I understand that a refraction is a non-covered service and request an updated prescription and evaluation to properly assess my best corrected vision.

Retinal Examination:

Our Doctors are concerned about retinal diseases such as macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinal detachments, and diabetic retinopathy; all which can lead to partial loss of vision or blindness. Additionally, systemic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure can be detected with a retinal examination. Eye exams with retinal evaluations can help you safeguard both your eyesight and general health. The Optomap Digital Retinal Imaging allows us to thoroughly evaluate your internal eye health with dramatically improved precision that includes a depth in the retina not seen with regular dilation.

With an annual Optomap, our doctors can track your eye health for concerns, comparison, and treatments. Because Medical and Vision insurances do not pay for *routine* photos, there is a **\$35.00** fee for this procedure. *(Please advise staff if you have a history of epilepsy.)*

The Optomap augments a dilated exam by creating a permanent documentation of the interior retina.

_____ I elect to have an Optomap Digital Retinal Scan of my retina and understand the scan will provide a permanent baseline comparison for my future visits. I understand that based on the doctor's examination a dilation may still be recommended or necessary.

_____ **I DECLINE** the Optomap Retinal Scan and am choosing to only be dilated today. I understand that my vision will be slightly blurry after dilation and light sensitive for 3-4 hours. **I understand I am responsible for any fees associated with medical services which may be non-covered benefits.**

Print Name: _____ Signature _____ Date: _____