

# **Medical Eye Exam Vs Routine (Vision) Exam**

A **Medical Eye Exam** is a medically necessary comprehensive examination for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye such as Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration, Cataracts and Diabetic Eye Disease to name just a few.

A **Routine (Vision) Exam** determines any possible refractive errors such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism or presbyopia. Potential indicators of eye disease may also be determined during a routine vision exam.

**Refraction Fee** - Your eye exam will include a test known as a refraction. A refraction is an essential part of your eye exam in which the doctor determines your best possible vision. It is important to know how your vision is impacted by disease states and to find your proper glasses prescription. Your vision is refracted using a phoropter which is a device that contains hundreds of combinations of lenses to determine any possible refractive errors such as astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, or presbyopia. Medicare and most medical insurances do not cover the fee for refractions. We are happy to bill your insurance company for this. However, if your insurance does not cover the refraction, you will be responsible for a \$39 fee.

## ***PLEASE NOTE:***

Insurance coverage for Medical Eye Exams and Routine Eye Exams vary widely.

The reason for your visit (chief complaint) determines how your insurance company classifies your eye exam. You and/or your insurance will be billed according to this classification.