**Vision Eye Exams vs. Medical Eye Exams**

Regular eye examinations are important to maintain your vision for your lifetime. It is important that you be aware of your insurance benefits and how they apply to your visit. We have prepared this sheet to help you understand how your visit is submitted to your health insurance or vision insurance for today’s visit. Benefits may vary based upon the reason for your visit.

**Routine Eye Examinations**

A “routine eye exam” takes place when you come in for an eye examination without any underlying medical condition that affects the eye. The doctor screens the eyes for disease and will check your vision. Examples that will necessitate your visit being submitted as a Vision Exam include:

- □ Basic eye exam
- □ Glasses / Contact Lenses
- □ Nearsightedness

**Medical Eye Examinations**

Evaluations of a medical-related complaint, diabetic exam, or follow up of an existing condition are examples of an Eye Examination that would be billed to your medical insurance. Examples that will necessitate your visit being submitted as a Medical Exam include but may not be limited to:

- □ Diabetes Mellitus
- □ Dry Eye Syndrome
- □ Allergies
- □ Floaters and/or flashing lights
- □ Glaucoma
- □ Referral from outside physician
- □ High Blood Pressure

**The purpose of your visit will determine which insurance benefit will be used.** If your doctor determines that your problem falls under the category of a “Medical Eye Examination”, your visit may be billed as a Medical Exam instead of a Routine Vision Exam, which will be subject to co-pays and deductibles according to your medical insurance plan.

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