
WELCOME TO EYECARE SPECIALTIES!

Thank you for choosing Eyecare Specialties! Our Doctors are board certified optometrists. We are here to provide you with complete VISION and EYE HEALTH care. We truly care about our patients and the preservation of their vision.

As of January 1, 2022 our office will be out of network with all Vision Discount Plans, including VSP. (Vision Service Plan)

We will continue to provide the highest level of eye care, and your exam will require specific diagnostic tests not covered by your insurance. If you have any concerns, please contact our office prior to your exam.

Please know that as an out-of-network provider, we can continue to provide comprehensive eye examinations, and medical care for you and your family.

Fortunately, being an out of network provider gives us significantly more flexibility to better serve your needs. We believe that these changes will allow us to provide you with lenses that will have the best optical quality available, and in many cases may be more cost effective than purchasing eyewear with your VSP material benefits. We are especially pleased to announce that this change will allow us the freedom to have more frame and lens manufacturer options. This means savings that will be directly passed along to you!

What does this mean for you?

Great News! You can continue to receive your glasses and contact lenses at our office! While we will require payment in full on your date of service, we will provide patients all the necessary paperwork to seamlessly submit an out-of-network claim to your vision plan and have any available vision plan benefits paid directly to you. Convenient financing options are available, if you qualify.

Those patients with medical eye conditions will still be able to use your medical insurance for any medically related care.

We are in- network providers for Anthem (medical), United HealthCare-UMR (medical), Medicare and Colorado Medicaid (Health First). Check with our office if your medical insurance plan is not listed.

It is our pleasure to continue serving your eye health needs. If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to seeing you.

Medical eye exams

Eye exams may be billed to **MEDICAL** insurance, depending on the presenting symptoms, existing conditions or findings of the eye exam.

MEDICAL Insurance:

- Covers unlimited examinations with symptoms like **burning, itching, redness, allergies, headaches, blurred vision, watering, light sensitivity, pink eye, etc.**
- Covers visits for more serious eye conditions like **Cataracts, glaucoma, diabetes, macular degeneration and eye surgery.**
- Covers high-tech diagnostic instrument testing (e.g., retina photos, visual field, glaucoma testing).
- **Does NOT cover checking for glasses prescriptions/"refractive" conditions** (near-sightedness/myopia, astigmatism, etc)
- May not cover all necessary procedures as determined by individual plans.
- Your copay/co-insurance/deductible may apply to each visit (defined by your MEDICAL insurance)

MEDICAL insurance may be filed based upon details of the eye exam, the symptoms which were presented during the eye exam, the diagnosis made during the eye exam, high-tech diagnostic instrument testing, and/or if a prescription for medication is needed.

DIABETES:

Chronic conditions such as Diabetes, dry eye, glaucoma or macular degeneration are **NOT "routine"** since they can have long-term vision consequences and require more complex evaluation and coding of the eye exam, more extensive coordination of care with your primary care physician is necessary. These visits will be filed to your **MEDICAL** insurance.

SELF-PAY if it's not advantageous for you to bill your medical insurance (ex. High Deductible) you may choose to not bill your visit to medical. You would be eligible for a pay in full, same day discount.

Many diagnoses we identify and treat may require tests that are not included in your comprehensive eye exam charge. We will review any additional charges with you prior to performing them.



MEDICARE Patients:

Medicare allows for unlimited visits for the diagnosis/treatment of **medical eye problems** or **chronic medical conditions which can affect the eye** (dry eye, eye allergies, diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma, age related macular degeneration etc.) Medicare does not pay for routine/"wellness vision exams or checking your prescription. Copay/deductible may apply.

REFRACTIONS:

A refraction is the part of an office visit that determines your eyeglass prescription. It typically involves questions like, "which is clearer - one or two". **MEDICAL insurance** (including Medicare) considers checking for a glasses prescription as "routine" and so typically **does not** cover the cost of the refraction, which is \$55.00 and is due at the time of service. Many medical eye conditions can impact your vision. Although medical insurance considers refractions "routine", it is important that your prescription is checked regularly to assure you are seeing your best.

Copays, co-insurance, deductibles, and payment for non-covered services are due at the time of service. Thank you!