Routine Eye Exam VS Medical Eye Exam

When most people think about getting an eye exam, they're trying to picture whether or not the doctor will tell them they need glasses, or maybe thinking about updating their current eyeglass prescription. They don't usually think of it as a medical or health exam. For insurance purposes, eye examinations are divided into two categories and benefit coverage for each type of exam varies by insurance policy. You will be asked to verify the reason for your examination. The reason for your visit and your description of current eye conditions will help us to determine whether your clinical visit is defined as a "Routine Vision Exam" or a "Medical Eye Exam" and how your visit is coded and billed to your insurance.

SERVICES

A **Routine Vision Exam** is performed for a patient who has no specific illness, symptoms, complaints, or injury that needs to be treated or diagnosed. The visit entails a screening of the overall eye health and supply an eyeglass prescription.

Reasons for a Routine Eye Exam:
- Update eyeglass or contact lens prescription
- Trouble reading up close
- Squinting

Diagnosis for Routine Eye Exam:
- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Astigmatism
- Presbyopia

SERVICES

A **Medical Eye Exam** is performed for a patient who is being evaluated or treated for a medical condition, symptom, complaint or injury. The visit will be a comprehensive examination for the diagnosis and treatment of disease or condition of the eye.

Diagnostic Reasons for a Medical Eye Exam:
- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Diabetes
- Macular Degeneration
- Headache
- Iritis
- Eye Infections
- Eyelid Disorders

INSURANCE

A Routine Eye Exam is covered by vision insurance. If abnormal findings are discovered during your routine eye exam, you may be asked to return for additional testing and evaluation.

INSURANCE

A Medical Eye Exam will be billed to your Medical Insurance.

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE

- Vision Insurance Copay
- Contact Lens Fit Fee (may be filed to insurance depending on policy)

OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE

- Medical Insurance Copay
- Co-Insurance and insurance deductibles
- Refraction Fee- Not Covered by Medicare