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Acknowledgement of Refraction Policy

One of the most important parts of your eye exam today is the refraction. If you cannot see 20/20 this test is then performed. A refraction is the process of determining if your vision can be corrected using glasses or contacts. A prescription for glasses or contacts can then be given. If your best corrected vision is not 20/20, there may be an underlying issue. The refraction is our first indication to determine if something is going on with the health of your eye. This is a necessary and essential portion of your eye exam, and in many cases is the sole reason for the appointment. However, it is considered a separate test and not included in the office visit.

Refractions regardless of diagnosis are **NOT COVERED** by Medicare and most insurance plans. All efforts are made by this office to confirm your coverage before you leave the office. **There will be an additional fee unless your plan automatically covers the refraction charge. This fee is collected at the time of service in addition to any co-payment your plan may require.** Unfortunately, not all benefits quoted are a guarantee of coverage and you may be billed for this if your insurance returns it as being not covered. Prices are subject to change without notice.

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) uses a system called the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) to determine the fees for all Medicare providers. Most other insurance companies use the same system to set their payment schedules.

You do have the option to decline this test. Please let the receptionist or technician know at the time of service if you do not wish to be refracted.

We appreciate your cooperation in collecting this fee at the time of service.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and received a copy of the above statements.

Patient or Responsible Party Signature

Date

Witness

Date