

# FOX CITIES EYE CLINIC

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## What is Refraction?

A refraction is the process of determining if there is a need for corrective eye glasses or contact lenses. It is an essential part of an eye examination and necessary to write a prescription for glasses or contact lenses. Your eye doctor will work with you to determine if a refraction is necessary for your current visit.

Most medical insurance plans. Including Medicare, do NOT cover routine refractions or routine eye examinations (when no medical eye problem is known or suspected). Medicare and other insurance plans require that we code and charge separately refractions because they are not usually a covered service. At times, it is medically necessary to perform a refraction to help determine the cause of visual changes. This is particularly necessary when patients have multiple issues affecting their eyes such as cataract, diabetes, glaucoma or macular degeneration. Despite being medically necessary, refractions are still not considered a covered service for Medicare and most insurance plans.

If you have a separate vision plan that covers routine or annual eye examinations and/or glasses, please let us know. Your vision plan may assist you with your eye care needs that are not covered by your medical plan.

The refraction fee is a separate fee from the eye examination fee. Our office fee for a refraction is \$42.00 and is typically collected at the time of service in addition to any co-payment your plan may require. Should your plan pay us for the refraction, we will reimburse you accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding Medicare and insurance policies and procedures, please do not hesitate to ask. We will do our best to assist you.

I have read the above information and understand a refraction may be necessary for my visit today.

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Patient Signature

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Date