New Fee and Insurance Information

Effective January 2024 our office will be required to follow new insurance policies that affect the refraction test that we provide for our patients. The refraction is the portion of the exam that helps determine the patient's prescription for glasses and helps diagnose if the patient has lost any vision due to eye disease. In the event your insurance does not cover the cost of the refraction test, you will be required to pay the $30.00 out-of-pocket fee.

Our doctors are strongly recommending all patients, including children, continue to have the same retinal imaging Optomap scan which we have provided for many years in our office. This screening using our state-of-the-art camera is an important part of an annual eye health exam and aids in detecting early retinal and optic nerve disease. This scan helps our doctors be as thorough as possible and can reduce the frequency of being dilated. There will be an out-of-pocket $39.00 fee for the scan since most insurance plans do not cover the screening.

About your insurance

There are two types of health insurance that might help pay for your eye care services and products.

1. ***Vision Care Plans (Ex. VSP, EyeMed)***
2. ***Medical Insurance Plans (Ex. BCBS/Highmark, Independent Health, Univera, Medicare)***

***Vision Plans-** are designed to determine a prescription for glasses and screen for eye diseases. They cannot be billed for any treatment of symptoms of any medical eye problems.

***Medical Insurance Plans-** Will be used for any symptoms of eye health problems (dry eyes, blurred vision, headaches, floaters, cataracts, glaucoma, etc).

If you have both types of insurance plans it may be necessary for us to bill some services to the vision plan and some to the medical plan requiring two co-pays. We will use coordination of benefits to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses. If you do not have a Vision Plan we may be able to bill your medical insurance for your annual exam depending on your symptoms or doctors findings during the exam.