

What is a Refraction?

A refraction is the test performed to determine your best vision. While looking through a device called a phoropter, you may be shown letters or symbols, and asked “Which is better...one or two?”

The refraction needs to be performed so the doctor can determine if a vision change is from a disease process or just a change in your eyeglass or contact lens prescription. The doctor will discuss the results of the refraction and in most cases; patients receive a signed copy.

Unfortunately, Medicare considers this a *routine* test and therefore does not approve it making it a non-covered service. Since Medicare doesn't cover it, many commercial insurance companies follow suit and also consider it a non-covered service. We confirm insurance benefits prior to all appointments to determine whether this test is covered. We wish all insurances recognized the medical necessity of this test. The good news is that the maximum charge for this important test is only \$68, but in some cases there may be no charge at all.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We strive to do our best to keep you informed and we are always open to feedback!

