KNOW THE DIFFERNCE

“ROUTINE VISION EXAM” vs. “MEDICAL EXAM”

Most **routine vision**insurance plans do ***not*** pay for medical exams, and many **medical**insurance plans do not cover routine vision exams. Therefore, it is important to know thedifference.

A **routine vision exam** using an insurance plan **(**such as VSP, EyeMed, or A vision care plan) is acceptable if you have no medical complaints or past history of ocular disease. However, if you come in to see the eye doctor and you are experiencing symptoms or complaints of an eye problem, or have a diagnosis of an ocular condition and or disease, this may no longer be considered a routine vision exam. Instead, it is regarded as a medical exam.

In a **medical exam**, your doctor may spend extra time reviewing details of the problem and diagnosis of your eye condition. The doctor may also want to do additional testing to further evaluate your eye condition. *Pre-existing ocular conditions or diseases may include but are not limited to: diabetes, cataracts, macular degeneration, high myopia, corneal dystrophies, glaucoma, ect..*

If your exam is a medical exam, your insurance company may then require a separate copayment, a higher deductible or out-of-pocket expenses, and or a referral from your primary care physician in accordance with the terms of your insurance plan benefit. We will always try to assist you in determining what benefits you may be eligible for. However ultimately, it is the patient’s responsibility to determine this. Depending on the outcome of your exam, your insurance plan(s) may require us to bill the exam in a way that is contrary to your wishes.

Our mission is to provide the best state-of-the-art, high-quality, and educational eye care available in a friendly, “no-wait” atmosphere. If you have any questions regarding your insurance coverage, please contact the Member Services number listed on your insurance card. Any credit balances on your account will be applied to future services unless a refund is requested.

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