



Cates Family Eye Care

Today's Eye Exam: Notices and Fees

VISION VS. MEDICAL

For insurance purposes, eye exams are broken into two categories; **Medical** Exams and **Vision** Exams. Medical insurance will not pay for routine eye care. Vision insurance will not pay for medical eye care. Regardless of the type of exam you have, you will receive excellent care with Cates Family Eye Care. Understanding the difference between Medical Exams and Vision or Routine Exams helps us bill your insurance properly and helps to prevent unexpected out of pocket expense for you.

Medical Exams:

Medical Exams include evaluation, assessment, and/or treatment for medical conditions related to the eyes including, but not limited to, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, infection or injury. Medical Exams are billed to your medical insurance. Copays will be due at the time of service.

Vision Exams:

Vision or Routine Exams include a general screening for eye disease and a refraction (a measurement done to prescribe glasses and /or contact lens). Routine eye examinations **DO NOT** include focused evaluation or treatment of medical conditions (corneal disorders, diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma or dry eye syndrome). Should a medical condition be discovered during your Vision or Routine Exam you may be scheduled for another appointment to complete further medical evaluation. Copays will be due at the time of service.

**I understand the difference between a Medical Exam and a Vision or Routine Exam _____ initial*

CONTACT LENSES

Additional fees apply for contact lens evaluation and/or fitting. This is due to the supplemental examination, consultation, and follow up required for individuals who wear contact lenses or who are being fit for new contact lenses. Fees vary based upon the complexity of the service rendered and the type of contact lens involved. The fee range for contact lens evaluation and fitting fee is \$60-\$100. Your vision insurance may cover these fees, but you are responsible for any amount that is not covered.

**I understand that additional fees apply to contact lens services _____ initial*

REFRACTION FEE

A refraction is a measurement used to determine the amount of prescription needed to correct your vision. Glasses and/or contact lenses may be prescribed from the refraction. Most medical insurances will not cover a refraction during a Medical Exam, in which case, the \$25 refraction fee will be due at the time of service.

**I understand that refractions are not covered by medical insurance _____ initial*

I have read all of the information above and understand that my services will be billed to the appropriate insurance based upon the information outlined in this document. I understand that additional fees apply for contact lens and refraction services and I assume responsibility for any fees that are not covered by my insurance.

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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ultra-widefield retinal imaging

Cates Family Eye Care

Advanced Screening

By choosing Cates Family Eye Care, you have entrusted us, as your physicians, to care for your eyes:

We take this responsibility very seriously.

We pride ourselves on providing our patients with the best possible standard of care. Because of this, we now strongly recommend the Optomap Retinal Exam for all our patients. When reviewed, the scan becomes a permanent part of your medical file, enabling the doctor to make important comparisons should potential vision threatening conditions show themselves at a future examination. The Doctors strongly believe that the Optomap Retinal Exam is an essential part of your comprehensive eye exam and prescribe it once per year.

It is our belief that an eye exam without this element is incomplete.

By choosing to have an optomap, the doctor may not need to dilate your eyes. It is a fast, easy, and comfortable screening test. The \$25 copay for this procedure is not covered by insurance and will be in addition to your examination fee or vision plan copay. This service may be covered if being used to actively follow disease. Any questions you have about the Optomap Retinal Exam can be directed to the doctor when the images are reviewed with you during your examination.

Thank you for allowing us to monitor the health of your eyes. Remember, they are the only two you have, and that is why we take your eye care seriously.

Sincerely,

The Doctors and staff of Cates Family Eye Care

I have read and understand this document. I would like to have the Optomap Retinal Exam in addition to my Vision Exam today.

Signature _____

Date _____