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Notification of Nonpayment by Insurance for Refraction Fee

A refraction is a critical part of the basic eye exam where the physician determines your visual acuity, which serves as a baseline for future appointments. Medical illnesses and the natural aging process of the eye can cause your vision to change; therefore, a refraction should be completed at a minimum once each year, or as deemed medically necessary by the physician, to ascertain whether your vision has changed.

The refraction fee is charged in addition to the office visit and in many instances is not covered by health insurance. For example, Medicare's guideline for this fee (outlined in its benefit policy manual 100.02, section 90) lists refraction under its exclusions. In many instances, secondary insurances will cover the refraction fee even though Medicare does not cover it.

If a refraction is performed during your visit, the refraction fee will be billed to your insurance provider(s) and we will follow their payment guidelines once we have received an explanation of benefits. You will be billed for the refraction fee if your health insurance company does not provide coverage for this service.

Acknowledgment

I have read the above and understand that I may be billed for the refraction that was performed at the time of my office visits. I further agree to pay the refraction fee in the event my insurance does not cover it.

Signature

Date