

## **INFORMATION ABOUT REFRACTION**

### **What is Refraction?**

Refraction is a testing procedure that measures how much optical (focusing) error an eye has. Certain eye measurements are taken using a variety of instruments. Based on these measurements, a series of trial lenses are placed in front of your eyes, and you are asked to compare one lens with another to determine which lens combination offers you better vision. This leads to a determination of how well you see and can be used to write a prescription for eyeglasses.

### **Why Doesn't Insurance Pay for Refraction?**

Most health insurance plans were not designed to pay for routine procedures. Medicare, Medicaid, and most private policies will not pay for refraction because it is considered routine.

### **Who Has Decided That Refraction is Not Covered?**

It is our government (for Medicare and Medicaid) or your insurance company that determines exactly which services are covered, not your individual physician.

### **What is Our Policy?**

In order to provide the very best eye care, refraction will be performed for all new patients, those presenting with decreased vision. **Medicare patients will be responsible for paying \$45.00 at the time of your visit in addition to any co-payments or deductible due.**

I understand that refraction is a **non-covered** service. I accept full financial responsibility for the cost of this service in addition to any co-payments or deductible.

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Patient Signature or Signature of patient's guardian      Date