

Billing Policies/Payment for Services

At this office, Dr. Morris strives to provide high quality routine and medical eye care at reasonable fees. He does this by offering a basic routine vision care and contracting with vision and medical insurance for comprehensive routine vision and medical eye care. The following is an estimation of some of the more common charges that occur at this office. Please understand that there are 16 ways to bill an "eye exam" and the total cost of your eye care may not be known until the completion of the visit. For more information, please see our in-office Frequently Asked Questions Page, **"How much is an eye exam?"**

Routine Vision Exams	\$65-\$125
Comprehensive Medical Eye Exam	\$90-\$175
Mid-level Medical Office Visits	\$37-\$92
Foreign Body Removal	\$88-\$150 (plus office visit)
Medically Necessary Ocular Photography	\$50-\$70
Visual Fields	\$10-\$69
Contact Lens Evaluations	\$40-60 (plus eye exam)
Co-Pays for Contracted Vision or Medical Services	\$0-\$40 (average \$15-\$25)

The difference between charges for eye exams and office visits depend on the nature of the reason for the visit, the level of history required for your visit, the level of medical decision making by the doctor, whether the doctor orders and performs special procedures (such as visual fields or medically necessary ocular photography), and which code sets your insurance carrier accepts. Typically, most insurance carriers won't accept the basic routine vision exam (which is \$65), and, thus, this code is mainly useful for private pay patients who pay on the same day who have healthy eyes requiring only an eyeglass prescription. Most Vision Plans and a few Health Insurances utilize the comprehensive ophthalmological codes (\$90-\$125) for routine vision care. These codes require more tests, greater documentation by the doctor, and a more in-depth medical history. They are billed to the vision or medical carrier. **The covered patient's out of pocket expense will be their co-pay.**

Medical Eye Care is typically covered under the patient's medical insurance and **involves the patient paying their co-pay.** Medical Eye Exams are used when the patient presents with a medical issue. Medical problems include itchy eyes, watery eyes, flashes, floaters, glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes, cataracts, etc. An eyeglass prescription can still be generated during the visit, but typically the \$10 refraction fee is not covered by medical insurance.

I have read the above policy regarding payment for services rendered. Payment is expected at the time of service.

How will you be paying for today's visit (co pay, deductible, non insurance covered services, etc)?

Cash

Debit/Credit

Patient or Guardian Signature (Responsible Party)

Date