

Services not covered by Medical Insurance

Planchard Eye & Laser Center does not accept vision insurance. In addition, Dr. Planchard may recommend services for you that are not covered by your medical insurance. Fees for these services vary and if you choose to have the service performed you will be responsible for any associated fees.

You are responsible for fees for any services not covered by your medical insurance. To check you for glasses and contacts, we must do an eye exam. Charges for exams and assessments are listed below. These charges must be paid for at the time of service.

New Patient exam fee (includes refraction fee): \$135 - \$205 Established Patient exam (includes refraction fee): \$135 - \$160

Service	Fee	Comments
Refraction	\$35	To determine refractive error for corrective glasses and/or contact lens
Contact Lens: First Time Fit Evaluation* - Soft Contact Lenses - Hard Spherical Contacts - Hard Toric Contacts (astigmatism) - Keratoconus Contacts	\$100 \$125 \$175 \$275	 Cost of lens separate and brand dependent. Contact lens evaluation fee includes: Contact lens prescription valid for ONE YEAR Glasses prescription valid for ONE YEAR Initial fitting Insertion and Removal Training Cost of trial lenses All necessary follow ups within 60 days; Multiple visits may be required**
Contact Lens: Established Fitting Evaluation - Soft Contact Lenses - Hard Spherical Contacts - Hard Toric Contacts (astigmatism) - Keratoconus Contacts	\$50 \$65 \$90 \$140	

*ALL new patients will be considered as a first time fit, even if you already wear contacts.

**It is very important that you return for a one to two week follow-up appointment, wearing your new contacts so we can check to ensure they fit properly and you're seeing well with them.

These prices do NOT include the cost of the Contact Lenses

You will be allowed to order as many contact lenses as you need through Red River Optical for the entire year.

You do have the option to take your glasses and/or contact lens prescription anywhere, but we recommend ordering from us.

I. Refraction

A. What is a refraction?

Refraction is a test done to determine the refractive error of your eyes, or the need for corrective glasses and/or contact lenses. It's the test the technician does when they ask "which is better one or two". This test determines your glasses/contact lens prescription.

B. When do I have to pay for a refraction?

Refraction (CPT code 92015) is a non-covered service by Medicare. As a result, your healthcare provider is required by CMS (the department to the federal government that controls Medicare) to charge for this service. Most insurance plans follow Medicare's rules. All these plans consider refraction a "vision" service and not a "medical" service and therefore don't cover the fee.

C. How much do I have to pay?

You will only be charged a refraction fee if you receive a prescription for glasses or contact lenses. Our office fee for refraction is \$35. This is collected at the time of service in addition to any copayment your plan may require. Should your medical insurance pay us for the refraction, we will refund you accordingly.

D. Suggestions when filling your prescription

- 1. Fill your prescription at an establishment that will give you a warranty. At the very least, choose an optical that agrees to make at least one adjustment at no charge to you. If you are uncomfortable with the new prescription for whatever reason, this will enable us to make changes as necessary at no cost to you.
- **2.** Start with purchasing only one pair of new glasses with the new prescription to ensure you are happy with your vision before purchasing additional pairs.
- **3.** Change as few lens parameters like lens size and shape, lens company/brand, as possible with your new glasses to minimize the risk of being uncomfortable with newly prescribed glasses.

II. Non-Medically Necessary Contact Lens Fitting

Please be aware that most medical insurance plans do not cover the portion of the eye examination to evaluate you for elective contact lenses. This part of the examination requires a separate evaluation in addition to the medical examination. Based on FDA regulation, contact lens prescriptions are only valid for ONE YEAR. An annual contact lens evaluation is required.

III. What if my glasses or contact lenses don't fit well?

Our physician will re-evaluate you at no charge within 60 days of your initial refraction to change your prescription if necessary. However, our office does not pay for revision of glasses in which good faith efforts were made in measuring a writing the prescription.

I understand that refraction and contact lens evaluation are typically not covered by medical insurance and there will be an additional fee. Refraction and contact lens fitting fees are non-refundable. Any changes that need to be made to your prescription must be made within 60 days of your examination. I have been fully informed and accept full responsibility to pay these fees and any other fees associated with services not covered by my medical insurance.

Patient Name

Patient Signature

Date