

Kirk Eye Center



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Refraction Policy

What is a Refraction?

Refraction is the measuring of your need for glasses. The amount of your nearsightedness or farsightedness, your astigmatism, and any additional need for near vision such as a bifocal. Many people choose to have this measured yearly.

When is it necessary?

A refraction allows us to create a glasses prescription, and it is part of the information needed for contact lens prescriptions and some surgeries.

In some cases, it is required in order to determine whether blurred vision is caused by an eye disorder or simply the need for glasses. It is used to determine your **best corrected vision**.

What does it cost?

If performed on the same day as an examination the fee for refraction is \$71.00. If performed as a stand-alone appointment the fee is \$85.00.

Medicare and most insurance companies do not pay for refraction, and you'll need to pay that fee when it is performed. If your insurance does pay for refractions, we will bill the company for that service.

Can I skip the refraction?

In many cases, yes! **At the beginning of your exam**, you must tell your technician that you don't want to have a refraction. Of course, if no refraction is performed you **won't** receive a glasses prescription. It cannot be done immediately after the exam.

We recommend that you fill your glasses prescription soon after your refraction. If you have any difficulty adjusting to your new prescription (this often takes a week or so), we are happy to recheck it within the following 90 days. Remember that your prescription can change over time.

Acknowledgement:

I have read the above information, and I understand that refraction may be a non-covered benefit. If the test is performed and I fail to decline the test **before** it is performed, I will be responsible for the fee.

Patient Signature

Date

Account Number