

SOUTHPOINT EYE CARE
REFRACTION NOTIFICATION

During your exam, it may be necessary for the doctor to perform a REFRACTION.

Refraction is the process of determining if there is a need for corrective eyeglasses or contact lenses. It is an essential part of an eye examination and necessary to write a prescription for glasses or contact lenses.

Most medical insurance plans, including Medicare, **DO NOT COVER** routine refractions or routine eye examinations (when no medical eye problem is known or suspected). Medicare allows us to charge separately for that portion of the examination, since it is not a covered service. The fact that your insurance company may not pay for this service does not mean that you should not receive it. There may be a good reason your doctor recommended it. At times, it is medically necessary to perform a refraction to help determine the cause of visual changes. This is particularly helpful when patients have multiple issues affecting their eyes such as cataract, glaucoma, and macular degeneration. Despite being medically necessary, refractions are still not considered a covered service.

If you have a separate vision plan that covers routine or annual eye examinations and/or glasses, please let us know. Your vision plan may assist you with your eye care needs that are not covered by your medical plan.

The Refraction fee is a separate fee from the eye examination fee. Our office fee for a refraction is \$50.00 and this fee is collected at the time of service in addition to any co-payment your plan may require. Should your plan pay us for the refraction, we will reimburse you accordingly. Please choose one option. Sign and date.

Option 1. YES. _____, I would like my eyes to be measured for glasses.

Option 2. NO. _____, I do not want my eyes to be measure for glasses

Print Name: _____

Signature of patient: _____, DOB: _____

Signature of person acting on patient's behalf: _____

Date: _____