

Medical Vs. Vision Exam

Health insurance can be very confusing to understand. One important clarification is the difference between a Medical Eye Exam and a Vision Exam. Insurance coverage for eye exams varies depending on diagnosis and treatments. To protect our patients' eye health and vision, Valley Eye does not accept Vision Plans for patients over 65 or with any known medical condition that could effect the eye. Examples are glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, diabetes, etc.

PLEASE SELECT ONE CHOICE FOR THE TYPE OF EXAM YOU WANT TODAY.

(CHOICE DETERMINES WHICH INSURANCE WILL BE BILLED)

*If you are seeing Doctors Intili, Chin, Piltz, or Halfpenny, they **do not accept** any vision plans.*

Vision Plans - Davis, Eyemed, or Law Enforcement Health Benefits (LEHB)

This is a "WELL-Vision" exam where your vision is assessed, and an updated glasses prescription is given as needed. You will be screened for medical conditions but those will not be assessed or treated. If the screening reveals a medical problem, then the Doctor may convert today's exam to be billed to your medical insurance. If you have a known medical condition, **we will bill your medical insurance** and not a vision plan. If you have any medical conditions that need assessment and treatment, a medical eye exam is indicated and your medical plan should be chosen. Vision plans are what would be used to bill any routine eye exam screening or contact lens evaluation without the presence of medical and/or ocular conditions. Most vision plans have a copay and we will help you obtain any required authorizations to obtain services.

Medical Plans - (NOTE: Some medical plans will not cover the refraction portion of the exam.)

- This is a medical (eye) examination for the medical assessment for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye. If you have any known medical eye problems or are currently experiencing any symptoms, the medical plan would be the correct choice.
 - This includes but is not limited to: cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, dry eye disease, allergies, and many other potentially sight threatening diseases.
- When we bill your medical insurance, you will most likely be subject to a copay, deductible, or co-insurance.

I have a vision plan and would like to schedule a refraction visit with our optometrist to use my vision plan. If my vision plan has a co-pay, I will be responsible for the co-pay at that visit. **(Must make/have an appointment with Dr. DiFranceisco to choose this option)**

I have a vision plan but would like a refraction the same day as my medical exam. I understand I am responsible for the \$50.00 fee for the refraction if this is a non-covered service by my medical insurance.

I do not have a vision plan: I understand that I am responsible for the \$50.00 fee for the refraction today. Valley Eye can try to submit the refraction to your medical insurance and if your insurance pays the fee, we will refund your payment.

I understand we cannot bill a vision plan and medical insurance for the same date of service. Should I have any balances because of copays, co-insurance, deductibles, etc., - I am responsible. I understand that, other than what is disclosed above, I **cannot** request a rebill or secondary bill to the other plan simply because I feel it would get better reimbursement.

PATIENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____