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## Vision versus Medical Diagnosis

Many commercial medical insurance plans do not cover visits for what they consider routine eye care. Some of these plans offer “eye plans” or a “vision rider”, which we do not accept (VSP, Eyemed, etc.). Routine eye exams are visits that evaluate the health of the eye and determine if there is a need for glasses / contact lenses. Most insurance companies do not recognize a vision diagnosis (nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism) as a medical condition.

If you have a vision-only diagnosis at the end of the exam, we will submit it to your insurance, but they may deny it or process it towards your deductible. If the insurance company denies a claim or it is processed towards your deductible, it is your responsibility to pay it. We will bill you directly.

Unfortunately, we cannot tell you whether or not you will have a routine vision diagnosis, or a medical diagnosis (cataracts, dry eye, glaucoma etc.), until you are seen by Dr. Brasch. Once the exam is complete, we will submit the bill according to how the doctor coded it. We will do everything we can within coding guidelines to try to get the claim paid by your insurance company.

We recommend that you check with your insurance provider, to see what their guidelines for eye exams are prior to your appointment. If you have already used your routine visit elsewhere, your insurance will not pay for another.

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Patient Name

Patient Date of Birth

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Patient or Parent/Guardian Signature

Date