Important Patient Information: Refraction Policy

92015 Determination of Refractive State (Refraction)

A refraction is an important to an Ophthalmologist as the electrocardiogram is to a Cardiologist.

I hereby affirm that I have been informed and understand that the doctor may order a refraction for either medical reasons and/or to provide me with a new glasses prescription. I understand that Eye Clinic of Austin will be charging me $35.00 on the day of service for all ophthalmology refractions and at my request they will file a claim to commercial insurance, Tricare, and Medicare but only if I have secondary or medigap coverage. I understand that if insured, my insurance may consider this procedure excluded from my benefits and/or non-covered benefit. If my insurance pays a claim for the refraction, I understand that Eye Clinic of Austin will refund me.

FAQs –

1. **What is a refraction?** This test is a determination of an eye’s refractive error and the best corrective lenses to be prescribed. A series of lenses in graded powers are presented on a phoropter to determine which provides the sharpest, clearest vision.

2. **Is this test required?** The doctors agree that this test is a necessary element of most visits, and it is used to create prescriptions for glasses and/or contact lenses, and/or to evaluate possible changes in vision due to medical conditions. This is essential in order to determine if a decrease in vision is due to only a need for glasses, which is easy to correct, or if another medical reason might be keeping the eye from seeing clearly.

3. **Does my insurance plan pay for this test?** The majority of insurance plans designed for medical examination coverage, including Medicare and Tricare, will **NOT** cover the refraction. The majority of commercial insurance plans designed for vision examination coverage will allow coverage of one (1) refraction every 1 to 2 years depending upon the plan.

4. **What do you charge for refractions?** The Eye Clinic of Austin charges $35.00 for each refraction ordered regardless of the reason and you will get an updated or unchanged written prescription for spectacles.

5. **Can I get another prescription designed especially for computer glasses?** Yes, just inform the doctor. There is an additional refraction process that is performed with special equipment that is designed to aid the doctor with a specialized glasses prescription commonly called a Prio® Refraction. The doctor may instruct you to do some measuring at your home and/or office computer and return to our office to finalize your computer glasses prescription. There is an additional fee for this service of $35.00.