

MEDICAL OR ROUTINE?

DR. RICHARD MANGANIELLO is an ophthalmologist, a medical doctor who specializes in providing comprehensive medical eye care. Examinations are usually submitted to your insurance as a medical visit with a medical diagnosis code.

Some patients have “routine vision” coverage. As long as your routine coverage is submitted to and paid by your medical insurance carrier we may be able to submit the claim as a routine visit for you. However, we are not contracted with, do not participate with, and are unable to submit claims to a vision plan (i.e., VSP, Davis Vision, EyeMed, Blue View, Spectera, etc.) **If your insurance coverage allows for routine exams, and you feel you are coming in for a routine exam only, you must notify us when scheduling your appointment.**

ROUTINE EYE EXAMINATION: A routine eye exam is for general screening. It will provide an overall evaluation of the health of your eyes and determine if your vision can be improved with a prescription for eyeglasses or contact lenses. A routine eye exam will NOT treat or monitor medical conditions. Any testing to evaluate medical eye conditions is generally not done during this type of exam.

MEDICAL EYE EXAMINATION: A medical eye examination is for diagnosing and monitoring conditions and diseases that manifest with ocular symptoms, including but not limited to: Corneal disorders such as dry eyes, diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma or glaucoma suspect, double vision, retinal or macular problems, or any acute or sudden symptoms.

If you are being followed for a medical diagnosis, the doctor may not be able to address that issue during a routine eye exam. A separate appointment may need to be scheduled for a more in-depth examination to address any medical concerns.

REFRACTION: A refraction test determines the refractive power of your eyes and the best corrective lenses to be prescribed to correct your refractive error. It is the only way to determine your current visual acuity and provide you with an eyeglasses prescription. In addition, monitoring the changes in your refractive error is integral to the diagnosis and treatment of many eye disorders including those of the cornea, lens (i.e. cataracts), and macula. It is a necessary, standard-of-care element of your exam. Many medical plans, including Medicare, do not cover refraction, regardless of the reason it is performed. Should your insurance plan not cover the cost of refraction, you will be responsible for a \$40 glasses refraction fee to cover a portion of the cost. The fee for an updated contact lens prescription is also \$40. You will not be given a copy of your prescription unless the fee is paid.

Please understand that each patient’s insurance coverage varies and that Connecticut Eye Physicians & Surgeons cannot be held responsible for knowing each patient’s insurance coverage or type of insurance. **It is your responsibility to know and understand your insurance benefits, and to provide us with your current coverage information BEFORE your examination.**

We will be happy to assist you in scheduling the correct appointment for your medical eye care needs.