



## MEDICAL vs. ROUTINE VISION PLANS

Routine vision plans such as VSP, Community Eye Care, Superior Vision, Eyemed, Opticare and others provide coverage for a basic screening eye exam to ensure the health of your eyes and for checking for the need for glasses and contacts. Benefits vary according to the specific plan, but routine vision plans DO NOT cover a medical diagnosis.

If during the course of your examination it is discovered that you have a medical issue such as eye allergies, redness, burning, itching, dryness, infection, glaucoma, cataracts, diabetes, headaches, or any other eye related medical issue or complaint we will not be able to treat you under your routine policy. We treat these medical problems under your medical insurance, which generally has a higher co-pay or deductible.

We know that your time is valuable, and we would like to take care of all of your eye care during one visit. However, sometimes this is not possible. Some medical issues interfere with our ability to properly fit you for glasses or contacts until the issue is resolved. In this case, we will gladly schedule you for a routine exam as soon as possible. If you have a medical condition that does not allow for a new eyeglass prescription, we will gladly do that while you are here.

Note: Your specific vision plan or medical insurance may not cover an eyeglass fit (refraction) when performed during a medical visit. In this case, you will be responsible for the cost of the refraction in addition to your medical co-pays. Any amount that you are responsible for is due at the time of service.

We strive to deliver the best care for your particular issues whether they are routine or medical.

By signing this statement, you agree that you have read and understand the difference in coverage for your routine vision plan and medical insurance.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*OR*

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_