

Explanation of Medical vs. Routine

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TODAY'S DATE*

FIRST NAME*

LAST NAME*

Many patients have Routine Eye Exam benefits as part of their health insurance or with a separate vision plan. When you have medical coverage and routine coverage, which plan should be billed for your visit? Actually, your insurance company dictates it depending upon the reason for the visit.

Medical Benefits are billed if you are here for medical care, much the same as when you visit a cardiologist for an evaluation or follow-up for a heart condition. Medical care would address such items as:

- Evaluation of an ocular disease, you have been diagnosed with glaucoma, cataract, retina disease; or
- Complaint of red eyes, tearing, burning, floaters, flashes of light; or
- Follow up of an existing condition, such as diabetes, Plaquenil medication for autoimmune disease; or
- Ancillary testing is needed, such as visual field, OCT, etc.

Routine Vision Benefits are billed if you are having a routine visit. Routine visits would address such items as:

- A healthy eye exam, much the same as a "routine physician"; or
- An eyeglass prescription is updated

These definitions are based on the guidelines of your insurance company and vision plans. Northwest Eye Surgeons is contractually obligated to follow them. Northwest Eye Surgeons makes every effort to submit claims correctly to ensure that we are in compliance with our contracted insurance carriers and vision plans AND that you do not receive unexpected medical bills for uncovered services.

Please let us know if you would like any additional clarification on this issue.

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