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REFRACTION POLICY

1. What is a refraction?

Refraction is the process of determining the eye's refractive error, or need for corrective glasses and/or contact lenses.

2. Why is it necessary?

Refraction is necessary depending on the patient's diagnosis and/or complaints presented that day. For example, if a patient is experiencing blurred vision or a decrease in visual acuity on the eye chart, a refraction would be needed to see if this is due to a need for glasses, or due to a medical problem. A refraction is also necessary to evaluate the need for cataract surgery. We must prove that your vision cannot be simply improved with a glasses prescription. As you can see, a refraction is an essential part of an eye exam, however, Medicare and most insurance companies **DO NOT** cover it.

3. How much is it?

Aetna, VSP, and HIP pay for refractions. Most other insurance companies do not. Our office policy is to charge \$30 for the process of measuring your vision for glasses, in addition to the office visit copay and/or deductible. If you desire contact lenses, there is an additional contact lens fitting fee. This fee covers the technician's time and effort in completing the process. This is due at the time services are rendered. **Out of courtesy to our patients**, this fee is payable only if your prescription changes. If there is no change in your prescription, there will be no charge for the refraction.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OFFICE POLICY STATED ABOVE AND I AGREE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AS DESCRIBED. THIS AGREEMENT IS VALID FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF MY TREATMENT WITH THE SPINAK MEDICAL EYE CENTER.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____