



Thank you for choosing Palmetto Cataract and Eye Specialists as your healthcare provider. We ask that you carefully read and sign this form to acknowledge your understanding of our refraction fees.

### **What is a refraction and refraction fees?**

A refraction is the determination of your best corrected vision. The results from the refraction may be used to prescribe new glasses. The results from the refraction are also **necessary to determine** whether any medical or surgical treatment may be needed for you. As an example, a refraction is used to gauge whether a cataract may be worsening, necessitating surgery. A refraction is needed to decide if an eye disease is causing your loss of vision. In other words, a refraction is used to assess the overall health of the eyes.

The refraction is an essential part of the eye examination, but, unfortunately, it is **NOT a covered service by Medicare and many insurance companies. Our office fee for the refraction is \$42.00** and this fee is collected **in addition** to any co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles.

### **Why do I have to pay the refraction fee if my glasses prescription did not change?**

It is impossible for us to determine whether your prescription has change unless a refraction is done. Over time, the eye naturally changes shape and/or develops aging characteristics which can affect your glasses prescription and/or vision.

### **I wear contact lens, do I have to pay a refraction fee?**

If you wear contact lens and need a renewal for contacts, your refraction fee will be covered under the contact lens fee (please see separate fees sheet).

**I have read the above information and understand that the refraction fees may be a non-covered service. I accept full financial responsibility for the cost of these services. I understand the refraction fee is a separate charge from co-payments, co-insurances, and deductibles.**

Signature of Patient or Guarantor:	Date
Print Patient's Name:	
Print Legal Guardian's Name, if applicable:	