



## Routine vs Medical Coverage Form

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you having a routine or medical exam today?

A **routine eye exam** is defined by insurance companies as an office visit for the purpose of checking vision, screening for eye disease, and/or updating eyeglass or contact lens prescriptions. Routine eye exams produce a final diagnosis, like nearsightedness, farsightedness, or astigmatism.

*Complaints such as burning, tearing, itching, sudden loss of vision and pain most likely result from something that will require a medical diagnosis.*

Kearney Eye and Grand Island Eye Institute participate with VSP, EyeMed, and insurance wellness programs. These vision insurance plans provide coverage for routine exams, glasses, and contact lenses, or provide some type of discounts on your doctor's fees.

*A routine eye exam is billed to your vision insurance plan.  
By law, Medicare does not pay for routine vision exams.*

A **medical eye exam** produces a diagnosis, like conjunctivitis, dry eye, glaucoma, or **cataracts**, to mention a few. Treatment of medical issues may include discussions regarding additional testing, procedures or surgeries.

Kearney Eye and Grand Island Eye Institute participate with most major carriers including Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS, United Healthcare, Aetna, and others. Examinations for medical eye care, assessment of an eye complaint, or a follow up on a medical condition are billed to your medical insurance plan. We are bound to insurance carrier contracts and Medicare regulations when billing for services.

*Depending on your policy, your medical insurance may cover a medical exam, but may not pay for a routine eye exam.*

By my signature, I verify that I understand the information above and authorize Kearney Eye or Grand Island Eye Institute to submit to my insurance using the above guidelines. Any disputes on a claim are between my insurance company and me. I will continue to receive monthly statements on any unpaid balance.

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Signature of patient or representative

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Date