

Medicare Coverage for Eyeglasses Following Cataract Surgery

Medicare does pay a portion of the cost for one complete pair of eyeglasses (per eye) after cataract surgery. **This is the only time that Medicare will ever pay for your eyeglasses.**

After cataract surgery, even if you do not need to wear glasses all the time, your doctor recommends a pair of high quality prescription sunglasses for outside use and driving purposes. This is the only time that Medicare will help pay for your glasses.

Our optical shop accepts assignment from Medicare on the purchase of frames and lenses after cataract surgery and can assist in the selection, cost, and filing a claim with Medicare. We will determine how much Medicare will pay toward your frames and lenses and we will not collect Medicare's payment from you. We will only collect your portion of the cost (co-insurance) at the time of service.

Frame – Medicare pays a fixed amount toward the frame and you pay the balance. If you select a basic frame your out of pocket expense may only be the co-insurance (typically the 20% that Medicare does not pay of the approved amount). If your frame selection cost is greater than basic frame cost, your out of pocket expense would be the 20% co-insurance and the additional cost above a basic frame. **We carry a large selection of basic frames priced within Medicare's fee schedule.**

Lenses – Medicare pays various amounts for each type of lens (single vision, bi-focal, and tri-focal). Your out-of-pocket expense (co-insurance) will vary depending on the lens selected. Medicare does not pay for upgrades, such as progressive or transition lenses. The additional cost for these upgrades would be an out-of-pocket expense for you.

Before surgery is an excellent time to begin the selection process for new frames and lenses. Our opticians will provide you with an estimate of your out-of-pocket cost and hold any frames selected until after your surgery. When in our office, stop in the optical shop and our opticians will be glad to assist you.