

# **Contact Lens Evaluation**

### Contact lenses are medical devices regulated by the FDA.

Since contact lenses are considered medical devices, our doctors need to evaluate the health of your eyes every year to determine if you are a good candidate for contact lenses. The doctor then selects the contact lens design that will provide the best vision and suit your lifestyle. A comprehensive eye health evaluation is the first step in obtaining an updated contact prescription even if your vision has not changed.

## All contact lens patients will be charged a contact lens evaluation fee.

The contact lens evaluation is not part of the comprehensive eye exam and there is an additional fee for this service. The services provided for this fee include the fitting/refitting of contact lenses, evaluation of your eye health, contact lens follow-up visits, and any diagnostic lenses used.

### Insurance companies require that we bill contact lens evaluation charges separately from your comprehensive eye examination.

Many insurance companies consider contact lenses "cosmetic" so they do not cover contact

lens evaluation fees. If your insurance company does pay in full (or a portion) towards your contact lens evaluation, the insurance company may require a contact lens order to be purchased the same day to receive that benefit. This may also exhaust your benefits for glasses.

These fees\* are determined based on the type of lenses you are fit with, doctor/staff time involved, and expertise necessary. Fees need to be paid at the time of your copay:

#### STANDARD EVALUATION

\$60

Simple Evaluations are for any patient whose prescription requires them to be fit with soft spherical or soft color contact lenses.

#### **COMPLEX EVALUATION**

\$75

Complex Evaluations are for any patient whose prescription requires them to be fit with soft toric, soft multifocal, RGP spherical, RGP multifocal, or mono vision contact lenses.

\*Fees are in addition to your routine eye examination fee, effective July 5, 2016.

