

# WHAT IS A REFRACTION?

## FOR ALL YOUR EYE CARE NEEDS

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## OUR SERVICES

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Augusta Eye M.D. brings unsurpassed specialty eye care to Augusta, GA such as:

- State of the art, microincisional cataract surgery with Alcon Ozil technology
- Premium lifestyle replacement lens implants including toric and multifocal intraocular lens implants
- Treatment for glaucoma, corneal diseases, disorders of the lids, and the anterior segment
- Comprehensive diagnostic services for macular dystrophy and diabetic retinopathy
- Cosmetic eye procedures including lid enhancement and Botox®



The photo shows a patient seated in front of a phoropter (pronounced: fore-op-tur).

This is the device we use to determine your prescription for glasses – or part of your prescription for contact lenses.

The process of measuring and fine-tuning the prescription measurement is called refraction. Typically a person sits behind an instrument containing many types of lenses (a phoropter) and the examiner carefully adjusts the combination of lenses to optimize vision clarity. This is a subjective, interactive process where feedback is essential (but often boring), which is why the examiner will ask, “Which is better, one or two?”

Refraction (CPT code 92015) has been a “non-covered” service since Medicare was created in 1965. Since about 2007, Medicare has been enforcing the policy of requiring eye doctors to charge separately for refractions. As many private insurance carriers adopt the policies of the federal government, many of our contracts with private insurance carriers require us collect the money from you, as well.

### Why do I have to pay for it?

CMS, the department of the federal government that controls Medicare and Medicaid, has decided that refractions are not a payable part of an eye exam.

CMS, directly under control of the US Congress, has determined this is a “non-covered” service. That means you have to pay for that portion of the eye exam.



## AUGUSTA EYE M.D. EYEWEAR GALLERY



# EYEWEAR GALLERY & OPTICAL SHOP



**LIKE CLOTHING, THE FRAME YOU CHOOSE IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR STYLE**

Our optical shop offers a wide range of optical services, from complimentary adjustments, cleaning, and minor repairs, and our well-stocked eyewear gallery includes a full selection of prescription

eyewear and optical accessories from your favorite designers. One of our three certified opticians will assist you in selecting the frames and lenses that will best suit your lifestyle, including customizing your prescription lenses with options that fit your specific needs. We offer a wide variety of frame selections, balancing traditional models with the newest styles. Choose from well known designers :

Gucci, Vera Wang, Kate Spade, Penguin, Nike, Lacoste, Nautica and many more including **prescription sunglasses** by Maui Jim and Costa Del Mar.



## Prescription Lenses & Coatings

No Matter what your prescription is, we have the products to fill it. We use the highest optical quality plastics and designs to make your lenses. Choose additional features such as Varilux progressive “no line” bifocals, Transitions lenses that turn into sunglasses or Crizal anti reflective coatings.

## Cutting Edge Technology

Essilor's Visioffice® with Eyecode

The most accurate measurements for individualized lenses. Do you have a difficult time choosing lenses and frames? Do your current lenses only allow clear vision when you are looking straight ahead? Do you question what lens coatings you need? Using the latest technology from Essilor, (called the Visioffice® with Eyecode technology), we can help you make the best choice - easily! The Visioffice® System is Essilor's all-encompassing measuring system that allows our opticians to obtain every possible parameter required for modern lenses – with extreme accuracy. Visioffice® also encom-



**ESSILOR'S VISIOFFICE® SYSTEM USES 3D MAPPING OF EYE MOVEMENT FOR THE MOST PRECISE MEASUREMENTS.**

passes a unique measurement called eyecode that allows you to go one step further in terms of lens personalization by measuring the Eye Rotation Centre (ERC)

## Vision Plans and Insurance

We accept the following insurance plans

Vision Service Plan, EyeMed Vision, and Vision Care Plan. Medicare may help cover a portion of eyeglasses if you recently had cataract surgery. Our optical staff will help determine your eligibility and work with the above insurance companies to file for your benefits. A deposit is required for any portion not covered by your insurance. We accept Visa or MasterCard, checks and cash.

## Contact Lenses

We also carry a full line of competitively-priced and the most technologically advanced contact lenses including:

- Bausch&Lomb
- Ciba Vision
- Cooper Vision
- Johnson & Johnson

Our Optometrist specializes in hard to fit contact lenses including Rigid Gas Permeable contacts and soft multifocal contacts.

\*additional fees may apply for contact lens services.

## Augusta Eye M.D. Eyewear Gallery

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