



# REFRACTION

The **ONLY** way we can sort out whether reduced vision is a matter of a simple eyeglass adjustment or some other problem is to perform a **REFRACTION**, which measures the eyes' focusing ability. This is the familiar "better one or better two?" part of the exam where you look at the eye chart through the **PHOROPTER** (see picture below).



Better 1

*or*

Better 2?



Phoropter

The rest of the eye exam, **THE MEDICAL EYE EXAM**, determines if there are other disorders or conditions that are causing difficulties.

**BOTH THE REFRACTION AND THE MEDICAL EYE EXAM ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO FULLY EVALUATE THE HEALTH OF YOUR EYES AND VISUAL SYSTEM.**

**Why am I being charged a refraction fee?**

Medicare and most other insurers will not pay for this vital part of the eye exam and will only reimburse for **THE MEDICAL EYE EXAM** component. The **REFRACTION** component has been made the patient's responsibility.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read the above information and understand that the refraction may be a non-covered service. If my insurance carrier does not cover the refraction fee, I accept full financial responsibility for the cost of this service. The co-pay and deductible are separate from, and not included in, the refraction fee of \$30.00.

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Patient Signature (Parent for minor)

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Date