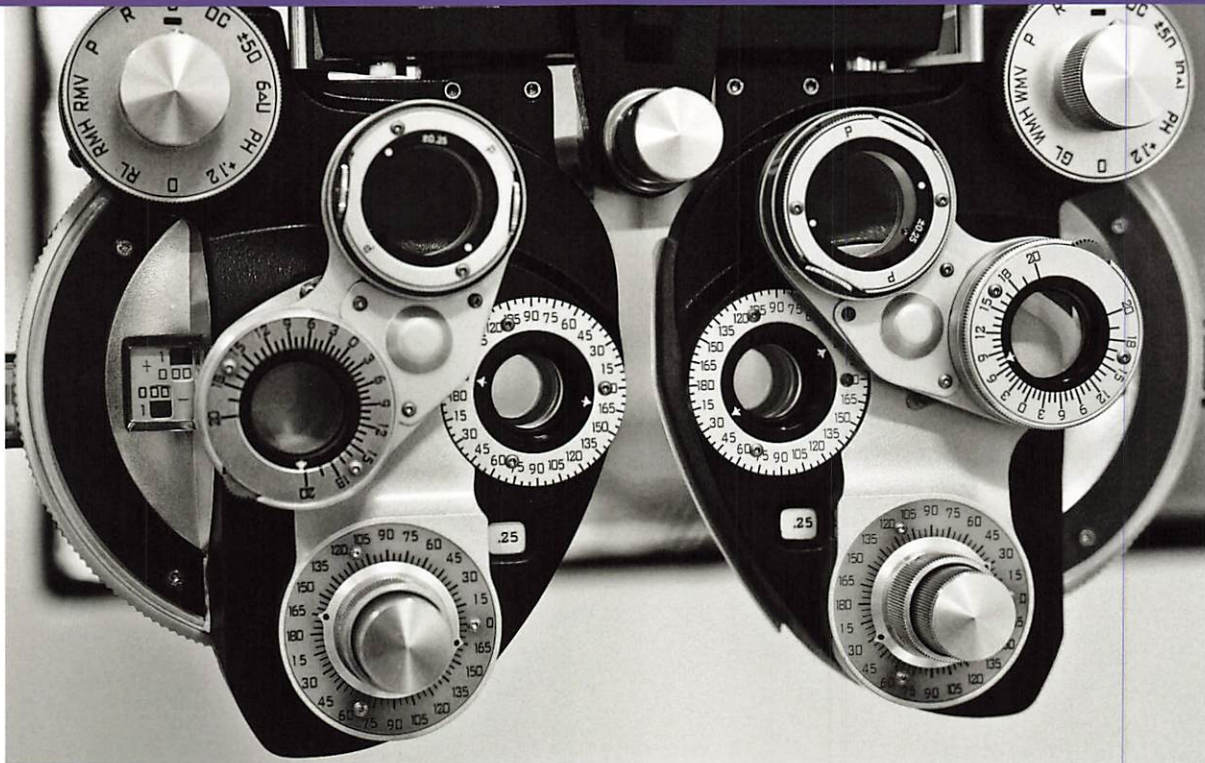




This is a photo of a **phoropter** (fore-op-tur); a device commonly used to determine your prescription for glasses- or part of your prescription for contact lenses.

What Is A Refraction and Why Do We Have To Pay For It?

A **Refraction** is the way we measure your eye to see if new glasses or contacts will improve your vision. Remember "**Better 1 or Better 2?**"

Why Do You Have To Pay For This Service?

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.

Further, **CMS** has declared that if we don't charge you extra for this service, we could receive various forms of punishment.

Is This New?

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 to collect the money from you, as well.

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