

To avoid “**surprise charges**” for medical services, please follow the instructions.

WILL YOUR OPHTHALMOLOGY VISIT REQUIRE A REFERRAL?

Step #1: Find your PRIMARY insurance plan in one of the tables below.

| <u>Referrals NEVER Needed</u> | |
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| 1199 | Cigna |
| Magnacare | MVP |
| Nippon | NYS Empire / The Empire Plan / NYSHIP |
| POMCO | UMR |
| Traditional (“Straight”) Medicare | |

If you have a “Referrals NEVER Needed” plan, stop here.
You do NOT need to go to Step #2.

| <u>Referrals MAY BE Needed</u> | |
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| Aetna | Anthem / BCBS / Empire BCBS |
| Emblem / HIP | Oxford |
| United Healthcare | |
| Medicare Advantage Plans (“Medicare Replacement,” “Medicare HMO,” etc.) | |

If you have a “Referrals MAY BE Needed” plan:

Do you see “PPO” on your insurance card?

YES, I see “PPO” on the insurance card.
→ Stop here. You do not need Step #2.

NO, I do not see “PPO” on the insurance card.
→ GO TO STEP #2 (NEXT PAGE)

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STEP #2. Find out whether you will need a referral for an **OPHTHALMOLOGY VISIT**.

This is covered under your medical insurance.

DO NOT use the words “Eye Exam,” “Eye Doctor” or “Vision Test.”

These services apply to your vision plan, not to medical ophthalmic care.

Purpose of Visit: Ophthalmic Evaluation and Treatment.

CPT Code: 92014

Dr. Biser’s NPI #: 115 431 1793

Using your PRIMARY health insurance card, call the “Member” number.

Ask:

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| 1. WILL I NEED A REFERRAL FROM MY PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN to see an Ophthalmologist? | ___ Y ___ N |
| 2. “Are you my PRIMARY insurance company?” | ___ Y ___ N |
| 3. “Will my health insurance be ELIGIBLE on my appointment date?” APPT DATE: _____ | ___ Y ___ N |
| 4. “Is Dr. Biser IN-NETWORK WITH MY HEALTH PLAN?” Dr. Biser’s NPI #: 115 431 1793 | ___ Y ___ N |

Make sure you get a REFERENCE NUMBER for your call:

Call Reference #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Patient Name: _____