

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>	
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>	
Aetna	Anthem / BCBS / Empire BCBS
Emblem	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.

DO use the words “Ophthalmology Appointment” or “Ophthalmology Visit” when speaking to your insurance company. These services apply to your medical plan.

DO NOT use the words “Eye Exam,” “Eye Doctor” or “Vision Test.” These services apply to your vision plan, not to 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:

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:

Reference #: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____