



Message to our Patients

Did you know that OHIP does not pay for all services your doctor provides to you? Optometrists can request payment from patients for services not covered by OHIP.

Listed below are examples of services you may be charged for, by your doctor:

NON-OPTOMETRIC SERVICES

(some exceptions may apply)

- * Transferred copies or a summary of medical records, at your request, when changing doctors or when your doctor is relocating or leaving the practice
- * Writing reports and filling out forms. Examples of forms include:
 - * Licensing / insurance forms
 - * Federal Government (Canada Pension Plan, immigration, etc.) forms
 - * Sick or back-to-work notes
 - * Medical legal reports
 - * Employer-requested reports
 - * Recreational camp forms
- * Missed appointments without sufficient notice
- * Long distance calls, facsimile toll, mailing or shipping charges

SOME MEDICAL SERVICES NOT COVERED BY OHIP:

(some exceptions may apply)

- * Contact Lens services (including some related consultations and diagnostic tests)
- * Laser Vision correction after-care
- * Fundus photography
- * Routine eye examinations for patients who request more than the regulated amount covered by OHIP
- * Examinations / diagnostic tests required for the completion of documents such as reports, forms and licenses
- * Medical advice via telephone, email or other electronic data, or call-in prescription renewal orders to opticians or pharmacists

Block Fees may be offered, as an option, in place of some of the above non-OHIP covered services

Quality health care, medical advice and timely access are priorities Ontario's Optometrists aspire to honour. Speak to your doctor about other health care services that may not be OHIP-insured and fees may be charged to you.