

## Contact Lens Fitting and Evaluations FAQ

### ***What is a contact lens fit?***

A contact lens fitting is an additional service to your vision exam to evaluate whether your eyes are healthy enough for contact lens wear and calculate a prescription. As contacts sit directly on the eye rather than in front, they require a different correction than your glasses prescription.

### ***What is included in a contact lens fit or evaluation?***

Contact lens fittings and evaluations allow for extra testing and time to evaluate you for contact lenses. The goal is to make sure that the lenses your doctor prescribed fit properly on the surfaces of your eyes and give you the best vision.

The fitting and evaluation fee will cover:

- Evaluation by your doctor
- Trial lenses
- An instructional class (if needed)
- Any follow-up needed for your contact lenses (within 90-days following your initial appointment).

## ***Contact Lens Fees and Billing***

### ***Are contact lens fitting and evaluations fees covered by insurance?***

Contact lenses are considered medical devices. They require a yearly fitting and evaluation with an updated prescription. Insurance companies do not usually cover contact lens fees. The cost ranges from \$50-\$250 in addition to the cost of your exam for glasses depending on which lenses you need.

## ***How is the contact lens fitting and evaluation fee determined?***

Factors that can impact the cost of your contact lens fitting/evaluation fee include:

- The need for specialty contact lenses to match the curvature of your eye.
- The strength of your contact lens prescription.
- The brand of lens you will need.
- Whether or not you have other conditions such as dry eye, cataracts, or diabetic retinopathy which make the fitting of the lenses more complicated.

While insurance companies will often cover a vision exam, they consider contact lenses cosmetic (*unless deemed medically necessary\**). While some insurance plans may offer a contact lens discount, this optional service is typically an out-of-pocket expense.

*\*Medically necessary refers to a medical reason one cannot wear glasses or a condition such as keratoconus that requires a lens to correct and protect the cornea.*

## ***Grand Rapids Ophthalmology Contact Lens Fitting and Evaluation Fees: New and Established Patients***

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| ❖ Level 1 Fitting Fee- \$55            | ❖ Level 3 Fitting Fee- \$95  |
| ❖ Level 2 Fitting Fee- \$75            | ❖ Level 4 Fitting Fee- \$125 |
| ❖ Level 5 (Specialty Lens only)- \$250 | ❖                            |