

## What type of vision care is covered by Medicare?

**Original Medicare** (Part A and Part B) may cover certain vision exams if the exam is considered medically necessary by your primary care physician.

Below are some examples of the types of vision exams that may be covered by **Original Medicare**:

### **Diabetes**

Medicare Part B may cover one yearly exam for diabetic retinopathy, as long as the exam is conducted by an eye doctor who has been approved by your state.

You must be enrolled in Medicare Part B and have diabetes in order for Medicare to cover your annual eye exam.

### **Cataract tests**

Medicare may cover cataract tests and cataract surgery if the procedure is considered medically necessary by your doctor. If it is an outpatient procedure, you must have Medicare Part B to qualify for coverage. If it is an inpatient procedure, it should be covered by your Medicare Part A benefits.

### **Glaucoma tests**

Medicare Part B may pay for annual glaucoma tests for patients who are considered to be high risk for developing glaucoma.

If you have Medicare and you qualify for a glaucoma test by a doctor that accepts Medicare assignment, and a glaucoma specialist, you will owe:

- Your Part B deductible (\$198)
- 20% Part B coinsurance
- Copay (can vary by where you receive the test)

Sources:

<https://www.medicareadvantage.com/common-questions/does-medicare-cover-eye-exams>

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