



## **TRICARE FOR VISION- Seeing past the complexity.**

11/20/07- Tricare benefits can be difficult to understand and vision care is no exception. The following is an overview of the basic benefits regarding eye and vision care.

One *comprehensive eye exam* per year (date-of-service to date-of-service) is covered for Tricare Prime active-duty family members. One *routine eye exam* is covered every 2 years for retired Tricare Prime members. There are **NO** *routine eye* benefits for retired or active-duty service members who have Tricare Standard or Extra. For all Tricare Prime members there is no required co-payment or referral.

*Medically necessary eye exams* that are required due to a Tricare covered medical condition are a covered benefit for all Tricare members including Prime, Standard and Extra beneficiaries; however, those with Tricare Prime need a referral for medically necessary eye exams and Standard and Extra members are responsible for the appropriate cost share and deductible for these services.

All exams, whether *comprehensive* or *medically necessary*, must be performed by a Tricare network optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If there is a need for vision correction, ie. glasses or contact lenses, Tricare does not provide coverage for these items except for a very few exceptions (lenses required due to a medical condition).

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