

## **TRICARE BENEFITS EXPLANATION 2018**

### **TRICARE PRIME**

#### **Active Duty:**

- Patients are eligible for one routine eye exam every 12 months.
- Any medical services such as treatment for ocular infections, diseases, trauma etc. require a referral from your primary care physician. Effingham Eye Care must have the referral BEFORE services are rendered.
- No copayment is required for Active Duty members or their dependents.

#### **Retired:**

- Patients are eligible for one routine eye exam every 24 months with a \$30 copayment.
- Any medical services such as treatment for ocular infections, diseases, trauma etc. are subject to a \$30 copayment and require a referral from your primary care physician. Effingham Eye Care must have the referral BEFORE services are rendered.

### **TRICARE SELECT (FORMALLY STANDARD)**

#### **Active Duty/TRICARE RESERVED:**

- Patients are eligible for one routine eye exam every 12 months.
- A referral is not necessary for medical related services.
- Both routine AND medical services are subject to deductibles, cost shares, and copayments. Group A members will have a copayment of \$31 and Group B members will have a copayment of \$25.

#### **Retired:**

- There is NO ROUTINE vision care coverage for patients with Tricare Standard Retired.
- An authorization is not necessary for MEDICAL related services, however, cost shares and deductibles do apply.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- **Active Duty service members MUST use a Military Facility unless referred.**
- **Tricare does not cover glasses, contact lenses, or contact lens services.**
- **Optometrists are considered a specialist.**

I have read and understand the benefits for routine vision and medical services, and that such services are performed by an Optometrist who is considered a specialty provider. I understand that if I am seen for a medical related service I will be responsible for obtaining a referral from my primary care provider. I also understand that I am responsible for any balances Tricare states are my responsibility, and that I am ultimately responsible for understanding my benefits and coverage. While we do our best to assist patients in notifying them of their eligibility, it too is also ultimately the patient's responsibility.

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Signature

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Date