

Overview of Fitting Process

Welcome to the contact lens department at Midwest Eye Care. Thank you for selecting our department as your contact lens provider.

Many of the patients who visit Midwest Eye Care do not require contact lens fitting services. Consequently, to be consistent with the majority of eye care providers in the metropolitan area, **the cost of contact lens fitting services is separate and distinct from the exam fees charged by Midwest Eye Care doctors.** We are not able to file your contact lens product and fitting fees with an insurance company.

Nebraska and Iowa state regulations require that contact lens patients receive certain contact lens services before a contact lens prescription can be issued. The contact lens prescription will include very specific information not determined or provided during a regular eye exam performed by the doctor. These services may require multiple office visits and lenses. Sometimes changes in a contact lens type or design may be necessary and such services may incur additional fees. **The fitting fee must be paid at the start of the contact lens fitting process, and a contact lens prescription may only be written after all of the services are complete.**

Patients being fit for disposable lenses are typically provided with trial lenses at no cost so that the contact lens optician

can evaluate the fit and performance of the lenses on the patient's eyes. These no-cost trial lenses are typically not available for non-disposable lenses, so many patients may be required to purchase their first set of durable lenses from Midwest Eye Care. After we have completed the evaluation, we will issue a final contact lens prescription.

Hand painted lenses for the cosmetic improvement of a discolored eye may also be purchased. This type of fitting may require several lenses as well as additional photos and services. Please ask us about the cost of these services if you are interested.

Specialized/Therapeutic Contact Lenses

To maximize your vision, your doctor and contact lens technician are recommending the use of specialized or therapeutic contact lenses, which are generally more complex than spherical or disposable soft lenses. These special lenses may be needed due to genetics, presbyopia, astigmatism, dryness, corneal damage, a more difficult prescription, or any number of very special corneal conditions. Because of these conditions, we will be using lenses that will require more fitting time, design information, possible lens changes, lens materials, and/or manufacturing technology. These factors increase the cost of the services and lenses compared to spherical or disposable soft lenses. The following is a list of those services and the cost involved. Some conditions may require customized pricing.

Specialized/Therapeutic Lens Fitting Services and Fees

Level One: The patient sees the contact department after a doctor exam wearing known lens parameters with a good fit, is satisfied with the performance of the lenses, and has no or very little change or question of visual success. Simple measurements may be taken as requested by the doctor. Fee: \$25.00

Level Two: The patient sees the contact department after a doctor exam wearing known lenses. Some changes are needed in the fit, design, increased powers, brand or materials. Follow-up visit(s) will be needed. Fee: \$50.00

Level Three: The patient sees the contact department after a doctor exam wearing unknown lenses, or not having worn lenses previously; or where complex changes are needed. Fee: \$90.00

Level Four: New fit to RGP or durable toric lenses. Fee: \$120.00

Level Five: New fit or re-fit to RGP or durable bifocal lenses. Fee: \$150.00

Level Six: New fit to Keratoconus or reverse geometry lenses: Fee: \$175.00

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| Corneal topography: | \$25.00 |
| Hard lens polishing: | \$25.00 |
| Insertion and removal training: | \$25.00 |

Your personal estimate for the cost of contact lens services and product(s):

Type of lens or design: _____.

Cost of the lenses: \$_____.

Fitting services needed: _____.

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Cost of the services: \$_____.

Corneal topography: \$_____.

Fitting period, end date: _____.

Office calls after the fitting period: \$_____.

Replacement lens cost: \$_____.

Other comments: _____

Definitions of Contact Lens Types and Concepts

Disposable soft lenses are usually sold in packages of multiple units. They are designed to be worn for a prescribed period and then discarded.

Durable (non-disposable) soft lenses are usually sold in individual packages and are designed to be worn for about 12 to 18 months as comfort allows.

Rigid gas permeable (RGP) lenses are the newer version of "hard" lenses, and may have very good results for certain corneal conditions.

Toric lenses come in both disposable and durable lens modalities. They are used to correct higher amounts of astigmatism.

Monovision is a system that uses normal lenses to correct both near and far vision by prescribing one eye for near and one eye for distance.

Bifocal lenses correct both near and far vision in each contact. They are available in disposable, durable and RGP lenses.

The cost of each type of lens can vary by the product, package quantity, and/or the duration of the supply requested. Please ask us about the prices of the lenses in which you are most interested.



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