

# Laser Refractive Eye Surgery benefit entitlement check



Maximum benefit payable of \$1000 per person once every two financial years towards the costs of the procedure as performed in that financial year. To help us determine your benefit entitlement, we ask that you complete this form and post or fax it to Defence Health. You will need to obtain some information from your practitioner. We will confirm your benefit entitlement in writing within 5 working days of receiving the completed form.

## A Patient details *(please print)*

Given names	Surname
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	Member number
<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Daytime phone	Facsimile
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## B Name, address and contact details of Laser Refractive Eye Surgery provider *(please print)*

Facility name	Contact/practitioner
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone	Facsimile
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## C Type of Laser Refractive Eye Surgery *(please tick)*

- Laser refractive surgery - *maximum benefit of up to \$1000 per person once every two financial years is available.*  
Excimer laser and Photorefractive Keratectomy (PRK) are used to correct myopia (shortsightedness), astigmatism (distorted image) and hypermetropia (longsightedness). Laser In Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) is an alternative procedure that uses a combination of a device called a microkeratome and PRK with the Excimer laser.
- Other - please provide a brief description of the procedure to enable us to assess benefit eligibility.

## D Can a Medicare benefit be claimed for the procedure being performed? *(please tick)*

- No - please go to section E.
- Yes - therefore a Laser Refractive Eye Surgery benefit cannot be claimed - refer below.

The Private Health Insurance (Health Insurance) Rules 2007 enabling the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 state that private health insurers cannot cover, as part of general treatment, professional services for which a Medicare benefit is payable. Therefore, Defence Health cannot provide a Laser Refractive Eye Surgery benefit where a Medicare benefit can be claimed.

## E Where will the procedure be performed? *(please tick)*

- Commonwealth registered hospital / day hospital facility.  
Account must be fully itemised. Under Defence Health Rules, as part of hospital treatment, we are unable to pay facility or theatre fees where the professional service performed is not eligible for Medicare benefits. If you answered 'No' to Section D and you are eligible for benefits under your Defence Health membership, we will pay up to \$1000 toward the cost of the procedure (excluding facility and/or theatre fees) as performed in that financial year.
- Laser Eye Clinic.  
We will pay up to \$1000 per person once every two financial years towards the cost of the procedure as performed in that financial year.
- Signature

Date  /  /



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