



## OUR POLICY ON INSURANCE

Medical Eye Exams, Routine Exams, and Refractions

### FILING YOUR INSURANCE:

As a courtesy to you, our patient, we will file your office visit with your insurance carrier when possible. If we are filing insurance for your visit, we will collect your co-pay or deductible at today's visit. We file insurance claims based on the information that you provide to us. If your claim has not been paid by your insurance carrier within 60 days of your visit, you will receive a statement of your balance due which is your responsibility. If you question why your insurance carrier has not paid, please contact your insurance carrier for an explanation. We value you, our patient, and appreciate your help in working with your insurance carrier.

**We are not able to file both a medical eye exam and vision exam for the same visit. If you have both types of policies, we will adhere to the guidelines noted below to determine which of your insurance plans to file.**

### MEDICAL EYE EXAM (Covered by medical insurance):

Your exam today will be billed medically to your health insurance and your medical co-pay will apply if we are monitoring for changes in previously noted conditions or we discover a medical condition that is affecting your eyes or vision at today's visit. **Examples include: dry eye, allergies, eye irritation, floaters, headache, diabetes mellitus, cataract, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and others.** If we are also evaluating your need for a change in a glasses or contact lens prescription, your medical plan may require us to collect a separate refraction charge that is not covered by most medical plans. Our refraction charge is \$35 and will be collected along with any co-pay or deductible that you may owe today.

### VISION EXAM (Covered by a vision insurance plan):

Your exam today will be billed to your vision insurance plan if we are only evaluating your need for changes in your glasses or contact lens prescription and none of the above medical conditions apply. A refraction is covered under vision plans. However, **vision plans do not cover exams when medical conditions are also being evaluated.** You may use your vision plan benefits for glasses or contact lenses even if your medical plan is used for your exam today.

### PATIENT'S CONSENT:

By signing below, I authorize payment of medical or vision benefits from my insurance company to Eyecare Specialties. I also authorize the release of medical information to other doctors as necessary for my care as well as to my insurance carrier as it is necessary to process claims. I understand the difference between a VISION and MEDICAL eye exam and that these differences affect insurance billing (including co-pays and deductibles that I may owe) and that I am responsible for any fees that my insurance plan does not pay.

PATIENT NAME: (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_