

## **BRING TO YOUR FIRST APPOINTMENT**

- Cash, check or credit card (MasterCard, Visa or Discover) for copays and any services not covered by your insurance company.
- All medical insurance cards (even if we don't participate)
- Driver's license or state identification.
- Completed New Patient Forms
- If applicable: Glasses, contact lenses, contact lens box and/or name.
- A referral from your primary doctor, if required by your insurance company.
- Authorization for child to be accompanied by adult other than parent (if applicable)

## **YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE**

**MEDICAL vs VISION INSURANCE** Our ophthalmologists are medical doctors and will be providing you with a very comprehensive, medical eye exam. Therefore, our services will be billed through your medical insurance. We do not accept vision insurance plans. Please be aware that some plans have clauses in their policies about some eye problems and classify them as non-payable. We will make every effort to appeal these types of rejections and educate your plans about ocular pathology and needed evaluation/treatment. However, we can't guarantee success in every scenario and you will be responsible for the bill if we can't obtain appropriate payment. Please remember that we didn't choose your plan for you and it is impossible for us to know every detail and clause in your plan.

**CO-PAYS AND DEDUCTIBLES** Our contract with your insurance company requires that we collect any known co-pays and/or deductibles. We are in violation of our contract if we don't collect these fees. We will be collecting these fees at your visit. Please be prepared to pay at this time.

**REFRACTIONS** A refraction is a specialized service performed to determine the prescription for glasses. Many eye conditions require a refraction for proper diagnosis and treatment. If a refraction is required, we will bill your insurance company for the service. Some insurance companies may not pay for refractions, therefore, it could be an out-of-pocket cost to patients. Our current fee for this service is \$30.00.

**INSURANCE REFERRALS** If your insurance company requires that you obtain referrals or authorizations from your primary care physician (i.e. pediatrician, internist), it is your responsibility to request the referral prior to your visit. You may need to pick the referral up from their office - check with your primary care physician. Also, please remember you will need a referral for every visit. If we do not have your referral at the time of your appointment, you will be asked to reschedule.

I have read the above and understand that none of the Ophthalmologists of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Associates participate with vision plans. Instead, my medical plan will be billed. I also recognize that some insurance companies will not pay for an exam for every ocular diagnosis, and some insurances may not pay for certain tests like refractions. I understand that I am responsible to pay for services not covered by my insurance. I also understand that it is my responsibility to request a referral from my doctor prior to my scheduled appointment, if required by my insurance company.

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Signature

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Date