

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE



American Optometric  
Association

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR ACCOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

WHO MAY WE THANK FOR REFERRING YOU? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER WORN CONTACT LENSES BEFORE? \_\_\_\_\_

IF THE RESULTS OF OUR EXAM INDICATE THAT CONTACT LENSES WOULD BE SUITABLE  
FOR YOU WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN WEARING THEM? \_\_\_\_\_

IS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY A PATIENT IN THIS OFFICE?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, WHO? \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ VISA/MC  
\_\_\_\_\_ VISUAL INSURANCE \_\_\_\_\_ INS. ID# IF ANY \_\_\_\_\_  
WITH WHAT COMPANY? \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT IN FULL IS EXPECTED AT TIME OF VISIT

## PATIENT CONSENT FORM

The Department of Health and Human Services has established a "Privacy Rule" to help insure that personal healthcare information is protected for privacy. The Privacy Rule was also created in order to provide a standard for certain health care providers to obtain their patients' consent for uses and disclosures of health information about the patient to carry out treatment, payment, or healthcare operations.

As our patient we want you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal medical records and will do all we can to secure and protect that privacy. We strive to always take reasonable precautions to protect your privacy. When appropriate we provide the minimum necessary information to only those we feel are in need of your health care information. This includes information about treatment, payment and/or health care operations in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We also want you to know that we support your full access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with physicians and not patients), and may have to disclose personal health information for purposes of treatment, payment, or health care operations.

You may refuse to consent to the use or disclosure of your personal health information, but this must be in writing. Under this law, if you refuse to disclose your Personal Health Information, we have the right to refuse to treat you. If you choose to give consent in this document, at some future time you may request to refuse all or part of your PHI. You may not revoke actions that have already been taken which relied on this or a previously signed consent.

If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer. You have the right to review our privacy notice, to request restrictions, and revoke consent in writing.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE NOTIFICATION FOR OUR PATIENTS

To Our Valued Patients:

The misuse of Personal Health Information (PHI) has been identified as a national problem causing patients inconvenience, aggravation, and money. We want you to know that all of our employees, managers and doctors continually undergo training to understand and comply with government rules and regulations regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) with particular emphasis on the "Privacy Rule." We strive to achieve the very highest standards of ethics and integrity in performing services for our patients.

It is our policy to properly determine appropriate use of PHI in accordance with the governmental rules, laws and regulations. We want to ensure that our practice never contributes in any way to the growing problem of improper disclosure of PHI. As part of this plan, we have implemented a Compliance Program that we believe will help us prevent any inappropriate use of PHI.

We also know that we are not perfect! Because of this fact, our policy is to listen to our employees and our patients without any thought of penalization if they feel that an event in any way compromises our policy of integrity. More so, we welcome your input regarding any service problem, so that we may remedy the situation promptly.

Thank you for being one of our highly valued patients.



# HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

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**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations (TPO) and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. "Protected health information" is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services.

## **1. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information**

### **Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information**

Your protected health information may be used and disclosed by your physician, our office staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, to pay your health care bills, to support the operation of the physician's practice, and any other use required by law.

**Treatment:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party. For example, we would disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. For example, your protected health information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

**Payment:** Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use or disclose, as-needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your physician's practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, training of medical students, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your protected health information to medical school students that see patients at our office. In addition, we may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name and indicate your physician. We may also call you by name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. We may use or disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment.

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your authorization. These situations include: as Required By Law, Public Health issues required by law, Communicable Diseases, Health Oversight, Abuse or Neglect, Food and Drug Administration requirements, Legal Proceedings, Law Enforcement, Coroners, Funeral Directors, and Organ Donation, Research, Criminal Activity, Military Activity and National Security, Worker's Compensation, Inmates, Required Uses and Disclosures, Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500.

**Other Permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures Will Be Made Only With Your Consent, Authorization or Opportunity to Object unless required by law.**

**You may revoke this authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your physician or the physician's practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.**



### Your Rights

Following is a statement of your rights with respect to your protected health information

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information. Under Federal law, however, you may not inspect or copy the following records: psychotherapy notes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, and protected health information that is subject to law that prohibits access to protected health information

You have the right to request a restriction of your protected health information. This means you may ask us not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may also request that any part of your protected health information not be disclosed to family members or friends who may be involved in your case or for notification purposes as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices. Your request must state the specific restriction requested and to whom you want the restriction to apply.

Your physician is not required to agree to a restriction that you may request. If physician believes it is in your best interest to permit use and disclosure of your protected health information, your protected health information will not be restricted. You then have the right to use another Healthcare Professional.

You have the right to request to receive confidential communication from us by alternative means or at an alternative location.  
You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request, even if you have agreed to accept this notice alternatively i.e. electronically.

You may have the right to have your physician amend your protected health information. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your protected health information.

We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and will inform you by mail of any changes. You then have the right to object or withdraw as provided in this notice.

### Complaints

You may complain to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our privacy contact of your complaint. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

This notice was published and becomes effective on/or before April 14, 2003.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of, and provide individuals with, this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer in person or by phone at our Main Phone Number.

Signature below is only acknowledgment that you have received this Notice of our Privacy Practices:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_