



Eye Care Specialists Of Florida

Caring for you, not just your eyes

CANCELLATION/NO SHOW POLICY

We understand that there are times when you must miss an appointment due to emergencies or obligations for work or family. However, when you do not call to cancel an appointment you may be preventing another patient from getting much needed treatment. If an appointment is not cancelled at least 24 hours in advance you will be charged a \$25.00 fee; this will not be covered by your insurance company.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS POLICY

We understand that delay can happen, however we must try to keep the other patients on time. If a patient is 15 minutes past their scheduled time, we will have to reschedule the appointments.

REFRACTION POLICY

It may be necessary for our office to perform a refraction test. While Medicare and some major insurance carriers do not cover this test, it is necessary to determine your visual acuity. This test can be used to determine your need for glasses, but it can also detect vision loss. Some of the time vision loss is slow and progressive and the patient may not even notice, that is why a physician will check the patient's vision by refracting them. This test can also uncover other problems a patient may be unaware of. **This test is charged separate from the exam because Medicare has deemed that a refraction is not a "medical service."** However, this is the ONLY way to detect some types of vision loss. The Office of Inspector General has deemed that not charging a patient for a service is an "inducement" to the patient, and therefore *illegal*, which is why we charge for this service to be done. A refraction may not be done at every visit. This varies based on the patient's diagnosis. **The fee for a refraction is \$70, and due at the time of service in addition to any copays or deductibles.** Patient's initials: _____

DILATION

Dilating drops are used to dilate or enlarge pupils of the eye to allow the ophthalmologist to get a better view of the inside of your eye. Dilating drops frequently blur vision for a length of time which varies from person to person and may make bright lights bothersome. It is not possible for your ophthalmologist to predict how much your vision will be affected. Because driving may be difficult after an examination, it's best if you make arrangements not to drive yourself. Adverse reaction, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered from the dilating drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention. Signing below authorizes Dr. Saira A. Choudhri, MD and/or such assistants as may be designated by her to administer dilating eye drops. The eye drops are necessary to diagnose your condition(s).

PATIENTS WITH BOTH MEDICAL AND VISION COVERAGE

Your vision insurance is intended to provide you with a baseline eye evaluation. If you're being evaluated for medical reasons (corneal disorders, diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma suspects, etc), you are being provided with medical care. Your vision company does not provide coverage for medical care. Any refraction exam (prescription for glasses) will be billed to your vision insurance while the medical exam is billed to your medical insurance.

Print Patient Name: _____

Patient/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____