## APPOINTMENT & SERVICE POLICY

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We coordinate staff after reserving time for you, thus we require 24-hour notice to change or cancel visit. A \$20 fee is charged if the office is not notified by phone or by email 24 hours before appointment and collected before rescheduling. After hours consult by our doctor when the office is closed requires an extra \$20 fee along with your copay for in office service.

## INSURANCE PAYMENT POLICY AND WAIVER

Somers Vision will submit insurance claims for medical & vision services rendered based on the ID cards you present. All efforts will be made to collect your insurance or vision benefits as your coverage is a contract between you and the respective company. Your co-payment/coinsurance must be paid at the time of your visit. You are also responsible for prompt payment of non-covered services and for any balance resulting from an unmet deductible. 2% discount is given if paying by cash or check versus credit/debit cards (Co-pays are exempt from 2%)

MEDICARE PATIENTS are responsible for their annual deductible of \$257.00 (January 1, 2025). Medicare does not remit payment to any physician until your deductible has been met. Your secondary insurance will be billed whenever that is disclosed to our staff. You are responsible for any balance due after Medicare and your secondary insurance pays. Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans typically do not pay for refraction (the measurement for eyeglass prescription). The fee for refraction is \$36.00 and is payable at the time of your exam.

## REFRACTION AND VISION PLAN POLICY

Please inform us of the date of your last routine eye exam, as most insurances allow only one eye exam during a certain time period (1 or 2 years). Some insurance plans do <u>not</u> pay for refraction, which is an important part of your eye exam. <u>If you have a separate vision plan, please let the office staff know before your appointment</u>. If you do <u>not</u> have vision coverage, you are responsible for a refraction fee of \$24 per eye + your co-payment at your visit.

- Vision plans accepted are most VSP +few EyeMed\* (\*Access, Advantage, Aetna and Cigna).
  - We Do Not Accept EyeMed: Blue View, Select, Insight; United Health Vision (Spectera) \*Versant Health vision plans (\*Davis and Superior Vision). VSP Advantage & US Family.
- We accept <u>Medicare Advantage Plans</u>: Which replaces a Federal Medicare Program (Aetna, BC/BS, Ct Care, Cigna, Health New England, United Health for Medical eye care only)

Payment is required before orders placed. A 50% Frame discount is given to private-pay patients on the day of the exam (sunglass & safety frames excluded). The lenses are crafted for each patient's prescription, cut to fit the frame selected. Thus, we cannot refund eyeglass payment after the order is placed. Contacts if unopen/unmarked boxes are returnable. Patients who have problems adapting to their glasses or contacts that were purchased here may be rechecked by Dr. Squillace within one month at no cost. If the prescription was filled outside our office, there is a charge for this service based on time spent being evaluated as it not billable to insurance.

I agree to my financial obligations for services rendered by Dr. Steven Squillace at Somers Vision	
PRINT NAME:	of the responsible party
SIGNATURE:	DATE: