

Explanation of Contact Lens Service and Disclosure

Contact lenses are medical devices that can only be dispensed by prescription. They must be regarded with the same caution you would use for prescription drugs, which includes prescription expiration dates and annual visits with your eye doctor.

As with any drug or device, the use of contact lenses is not without risk. It is possible for individuals wearing contact lenses to develop serious complications which can lead to permanent eye damage and in some cases blindness.

It is for these reasons that you understand and acknowledge the information below:

- A contact lens fitting and evaluation is **not** part of a routine exam and is **not** usually covered by insurance. **Insurance contact lens fitting benefits only cover STANDARD (SINGLE VISION) contact lens fittings, and do not include coverage for SPECIALTY (TORIC, GAS PERM, EXTENDED WEAR) or MULTIFOCAL/MONOVISION contact lens fittings.**
- **Contact lens prescriptions expire after 1 year regardless of how often your insurance carrier covers an exam.** The contact lens fitting and evaluation includes additional testing that is *not* included in a routine eye exam and is done every year due to the fact that **your eyes go through gradual changes that can change the fit and affect the health of your eyes.**
 - The additional testing includes a topographical mapping of the cornea, auto-keratometry and analysis of corneal shape, condition and health of the eye. This will help the doctor determine the best contact lenses for you.
- The fitting and evaluation fee will range from \$68.00 to \$108.00 depending on the complexity of your prescription. Included in this fee are 2 additional follow-up visits (*within 60 days*), solutions and a trial pair of contact lenses, if applicable. For those with a contact lens fitting benefit, fees will be charged according to the conditions stipulated by your individual insurance carrier.
- The charge for any additional follow-up visits will be \$38.00. Medical visits related to your contact lens wear will be billed through insurance if the patient is covered and we participate with the insurance company.
- For patients that are new to contact lenses, a complete instruction on insertion, removal, care and handling techniques will be given by a trained technician for an additional fee of \$20.00. *It is our policy that contact lenses will be dispensed only when the technician feels the patient can handle them correctly.*
- **Patients learning to wear contact lenses or patients that have changes made to their previous contact lens prescription need to come back for a follow-up visit in one week to have their fit evaluated before the prescription will be released by the optometrist.**
- Exchanges or credits will be given on unopened/undamaged materials purchased only through our office due to Doctor required changes only and a 20% restocking fee will be charged.
- Patients wearing contact lenses beyond the recommended wearing regime of the doctor and that approved by the FDA assume all responsibility of any complications to their eyes caused by contact lenses.
- It is office policy that if a patient chooses to maintain an improper contact lens wearing regime they will lose all contact lens privileges at EYE TO EYE CONTACT and will not be fit for contact lenses by any doctor within the practice.

I have read, understand and agree to the above information.

Signature

Date