

Refraction Policy for Pediatric Patients

Date: _____

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____

Childhood eye disease and/or abnormalities require a thorough medical and ophthalmologic evaluation. Many times additional diagnostic testing is required, such as refraction. Refraction is the determination of the refractive state including prescription of any necessary corrective lens(es).

Refractions are needed to properly diagnose and effectively treat the differences in refractive error between the eyes which may be the main cause of a medical eye condition such as lazy eye (amblyopia) or misalignment of the eyes (strabismus). Left untreated, these conditions may lead to permanent, irreversible visual loss that is not treatable with glasses, surgery, medication, or lasers.

Refractions are a medical necessity in children and are not included as a component of any ophthalmology exam or part of an Evaluation and Management procedure. The cost of refraction is \$75.00 and generally is not covered by your insurance company. If your insurance company does not pay for this service, you are responsible for the \$75.00 refraction fee.

Parent Signature: _____