



# ADVANCE BENEFICIARY NOTICE (ABN)

For All Patients With Insurance, Including Medicare

The Purpose of this form is to help you make an informed choice about whether or not you want to receive these items or services, knowing that you might have to pay for them yourself. Read this entire notice carefully and ask us to explain if you don't understand why your insurance plan may not pay.

**Billing.** Our office bills your insurance, including Medicare, for your office visits, tests, and materials. The insurance company then reviews all submitted claims and, if approved, reimburses the approved amount. A co-payment may be required from you as determined by your insurance plan. The insurance companies, including Medicare, require that co-pays be paid at the time of service.

**Deductible.** A yearly deductible applies to insurance plans, including Medicare. The deductible usually takes effect each January. If our office is the first to submit an insurance claim for you, the insurance plan, including Medicare, will notify us that you have not yet met your annual deductible. The insurance plan, including Medicare, will not pay for your allowable fees until the deductible is met. You are responsible for these charges. Refractions. Some insurance plans do not cover refraction. Refraction is not paid for by Medicare, you may be responsible for this charge. Glasses /

**Contact Lenses.** There are numerous variations for glasses/contact lens benefits. Your insurance plan may offer: 1. a fixed dollar amount, 2. allow for balance billing, 3. a discount, or 4. require a co-pay Medicare does not cover glasses unless you have had cataract surgery. Medicare will partially cover your lenses one time per operation plus one standard frame. Medicare does not cover deluxe frames or lens treatments. Currently, we do not accept payment from Medicare for post-op materials. We will provide the needed information to you so that you can file your claim for reimbursement. Covered / Non-Covered. Services and materials are covered by insurance plans, including Medicare when their guidelines are met. The fact that your insurance plan, including Medicare, may not pay for a particular item or service does not mean you should not receive it. Your insurance plan, including Medicare, may deny payment based on their guidelines, and/or you may not have met your deductible. If payment is denied, then you shall be responsible for the charges.

**Consent to Treat.** Consent for treatment for myself and/or on behalf of the Minor or Individual to which this information pertains. I give permission for the doctor to examine, consult, diagnose, and initiate treatment as deemed appropriate. I further attest that I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of the Minor or Individual and have the authority to authorize care and treatment.

**Option 1. Yes, I want to receive these items or services.** I understand that my insurance, including Medicare, will not decide whether to pay unless I receive these items or services. Please submit claims on my behalf. I understand that you may bill me while a decision is made. If the insurance plan or Medicare does pay, I will receive a refund of the funds that are due to me. If the insurance plan or Medicare denies payment, then I agree to be personally and fully responsible for payment, either out-of-pocket or through any other insurance that I have. I understand I can appeal Medicare's decision.

**Option 2. No, I have decided not to receive these items or services.** I understand that you will not be able to submit a claim to my insurance plan or Medicare and that I will not be able to appeal your opinion that Medicare will not pay. I understand that my denial may alter the treatment I receive, and it may be detrimental to my health.

**Option 3. I have chosen to self-pay for all services or materials.** I understand that my insurance will not be filed now or in the future. Southland Eye Associates, PC will not file any claims on my behalf at a later date. By signing below, I agree to each of the above statements for myself and/or on behalf of the Minor or Individual to whom this information pertains. ANY outstanding balances owed to Southland Eye Associates, PC must be paid in full before being seen. ANY office credits will be automatically used on ANY outstanding balances. ANY balances past 90 days will automatically be turned over to collections. You will then be responsible for the outstanding balance, collection fees, and/or legal fees.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Chart#: \_\_\_\_\_