Plessen Ophthalmology

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: ----------

Date of last eye exam: ---------- With whom: ----------

Circle all symptoms or concerns that you would like to have addressed during this visit:

LOSS OF VISION BLURRED VISION HISTORY OF GIAUCOMA HISTORY OF DIABETES HISTORY OF CATARAG ITCHING BURNING REDNESS
FLOATING SPOTS PAIN FOREIGN BODY SANDY FEELING TEARING NEED NEW GIASSES
OTHER:

Circle any physical disease you have been diagnosed with:

DIABETES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE HEART DISEASE KIDNEY DISEASE DIALYSIS STROKE ARTHRmS LIVER DISEASE CANCER MIGRAINE
OTHER:

List any eye disease you have been diagnosed with or treated for: ----------

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List all eye medications that you currently take: ----------

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List medications you currently take:, not including eye medications: ----------

_____

List all surgeries you have had in the past including eye surgery or laser: _____

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_____

Do you have any allergies to medications? NO YES (list): _____

Has any member of your family (parents, siblings, grandparents) had the following (circle all that apply, or circle: NONE)

BLINDNESS GLAUCOMA MACULAR DEGENERATION DIABETES HYPERTENSION HEART DISEASE STROKE ARTHRmS CANCER

Do you drink alcohol? NO YES how much? ----------

Do you drive? YES NO

Do you smoke1 NO YES how much? _____

Signature (or Parent's Signature): ---------- Date: ----------

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Insurance Benefits Authorization

I request that payment of authorized insurance benefits be made on my behalf to this office for any services furnished by the physician to me. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to any health care financing administration and its agents any information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable for related services.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Patient Insurance Responsibilities

I understand that I am responsible for payment of deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments as required by my insurance carriers.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

HIPAA Privacy Notice

Our office has always supported and recognized our patients' right to expect that their records and other information about their care will be kept confidential. One of the provisions of the HIPM privacy regulations is that all healthcare providers distribute a "Notice of Privacy Practices': All patients can receive this notice upon request or read the notice posted in the waiting room. Patients are not required to read this notice, but we are asking that you acknowledge that you have received access to this notice.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

If your visit involves Workman's Compensation please advise the receptionist

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Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Manual

Effective Date: April14, 2003

It is the policy of our practice that all physicians and staff preserve the integrity and the confidentiality of our patients' Protected Health Information (PHI). This policy is to ensure that our practice and its physicians and staff have the necessary medical and PHI to provide the highest quality medical care possible while protecting the confidentiality of our patients, PHI to the greatest degree possible. Patients should not be afraid to provide information to our practice, physicians and staff for purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations (TPO). To that end, our practice, physicians and staff will:

- Adhere to the standards set forth in the Notice of Privacy Practices
- Collect, use and disclose PHI only in conformance with state and federal laws and current patient covenants and/or authorizations, as appropriate. Our. practice, our physicians and our staff will not use or disclose PHI for uses outside of the practices TPO, such as marketing, employment, life insurance applications, etc., without authorizations from the patient.
- Use and disclose PHI to remind patients of their appointments unless they instruct us not to.
- Recognize that PHI collected about patient must be accurate, timely, complete and available when needed. We will implement reasonable measures to protect the integrity of all PHI maintained about patients.
- Recognize that patients have a right to privacy and to respect their dignity at all times. We will respect patient's privacy to the extent consistent with providing the highest quality medical care possible and with the efficient administration of the facility.
- Act as responsible information stewards and treat all PHI as sensitive and confidential. Consequently, our practice, its physicians and staff will:
    - Treat all PHI data as confidential in accordance with professional ethics, accreditation standards, and legal requirements.
    - Not disclose PHI data unless patients (or an authorized representative) have properly authorized the release or the release is otherwise authorized by law.
- Recognize that, although the practice "owns" the medical record, patients have a right to inspect and obtain a copy of their PHI. In addition, patients have a right to request an amendment to their medical records if they believe the information is inaccurate or incomplete. Our practice, its physicians and staff will:
    - Permit patient access to their medical records when their written requests are approved by our practice. If we deny their request, then we must inform the patients that they may request a review of our denial. In such cases we will have an on-site health care professional review the patient's appeals.
    - Provide patients an opportunity to request the correction of inaccurate or incomplete PHI in their medical records in accordance with the law and professional standards.
- Pursuant to an authorization as required by HIPAA rules. We will provide the list to patients upon request, so long as their requests are in writing.
- Adhere to any restrictions concerning the use or disclosure of PHI that patients have requested and have been approved by our practice.

Our practice, its physicians, and staff pledge to adhere to this policy. Our practice will not tolerate violations of this policy. Violation of this policy is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and criminal or professional sanctions in accordance with our practices personnel rules and regulations.

Our practice may change this privacy policy in the future. Any changes will be effective upon the release of a revised privacy policy and will be made available to patients upon request. For questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Practice Manager at (340) 773-2015.