## **Prior Authorization Policy**

Starting Monday February 20, 2023, our office will be charging \$20.00 yearly for Prior Authorizations.

Insurance companies are making it more and more difficult for our patients to obtain the medications that are prescribed from their ophthalmologist. They are requiring patients to try generic alternatives, and sometimes multiple generic alternatives before they will cover the Name-Brand medication.

Please understand that prior authorizations are not as simple as your insurance company or pharmacist tells you it is. They require a lot of time and research into a patient's chart. Sometimes your insurance company will let you, the patient start the Prior Authorization, but what they don't tell you is that they need actual chart notes from the physician's office.

All patients who choose not to pay for the prior authorization can be changed to the generic alternative or pay for the medication out of pocket. Those who wish to proceed with the Prior Authorization will be charged \$20 for the year, no matter how many medications you are on. We will be collecting the fee prior to the technicians submitting the Prior Authorization.

If the Prior Authorization is denied by your insurance company, you will NOT be refunded. Questions or concerns can be directed to your physician.

Patient Signature:	
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