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## AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF IDENTIFYING HEALTH INFORMATION

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Patient name \_\_\_\_\_

Patient address \_\_\_\_\_

Patient phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the professional office of my optometrist named above to release health information identifying me [including if applicable, information about HIV infection or AIDS, information about substance abuse treatment, and information about mental health services] under the following terms and conditions:

1. Health information, including spectacle prescription, medication prescriptions and/or details regarding medical conditions.
2. Released to optical laboratories, pharmacies or other necessary medical professionals.
3. For the fabrication of glasses or contact lenses, the acquisition of medication or communication with other involved medical professionals.
4. This authorization expires when I choose to revoke the authorization.

It is completely your decision whether or not to sign this authorization form. We cannot refuse to treat you if you choose not to sign this authorization.

If you sign this authorization, you can revoke it later. The only exception to your right to revoke is if we have already acted in reliance upon the authorization. If you want to revoke your authorization, send us a written or electronic note telling us that your authorization is revoked. Send this note to the office contact person listed at the top of this form.

When your health information is disclosed as provided in this authorization, the recipient often has no legal duty to protect its confidentiality. In many cases, the recipient may re-disclose the information as he/she wishes. Sometimes, state or federal law changes this possibility.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FORM. I AM SIGNING IT VOLUNTARILY. I AUTHORIZE THE DISCLOSURE OF MY HEALTH INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN THIS FORM.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Patient signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you are signing as a personal representative of the patient, describe your relationship to the patient and the source of your authority to sign this form:

Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Source of Authority \_\_\_\_\_