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Appointment Date:	Time:
Physician:	Location:

## Welcome to the Office of the Eye Center

We appreciate the confidence you place in us as your health care provider. Our health team is dedicated to providing you and your family with the best possible medical treatment.

## **Appointments**

The office is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. We will try to honor your scheduled appointment time because we value your time. Please understand that medical emergencies do occur, and in these circumstances we ask for your consideration. If you cannot keep an appointment, we ask that at least 24 hours be given to the office. The fee for a cancelled/missed appointment without 24-hour notice is \$50. If you are more than 15 minutes late for your scheduled appointment time, it may need to be rescheduled.

Please complete the Patient Registration forms prior to your first visit. It is important that the information you provide be accurate since we will rely on this data to diagnose and treat you. Please advise us whenever there is a change of address, telephone number or insurance coverage.

New patient appointments may take approximately 2 hours. As a part of a thorough new patient exam, your eyes will be dilated. Dilation typically remains for 4-6 hours after your examination. During this time, your near vision will be compromised and you will experience light sensitivity. Therefore, before leaving our office, we will provide you with disposable sunglasses. Most people are able to drive following dilation, but you may want to bring a driver if you have experienced problems driving in the past or if your eyes have never been dilated.

Please remove any false eyelashes prior to your appointment.

We encourage you to visit our website at <u>www.eyecenterstl.com</u>, where you will find more information about our practice, physicians, and other educational material.

Please bring this completed paperwork, insurance card(s), a current medication list, your eyeglasses and/or contact lenses, an insurance referral from your primary care doctor if needed, and co-pays if applicable. Your eyes may be dilated during the exam, so you may want to plan on having someone with you to drive home.

Thank you,

The Doctors and Staff of The Eye Center, Inc.