

NEW HIPAA PRIVACY REGULATIONS

Federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt new rules to protect patient privacy.

Notification is therefore given that the office of Atlantis Eyecare will <u>not</u> reveal to any person personal information about you or about a family member (i.e. name, address, Social Security Number, as well as other health information) without permission. Your information will never be sold, or listed for the purpose of advertisement, solicitation, or fundraising.

It is however understood, that within the realm of doing business and for general patient care purposes, your personal information will be necessary and used in the following context.

- Patient Registration
- Procure medical records from former physicians
- Converse with colleagues for opinions/care
- Insurance: verifications, Billing, paper and wire (including fax transmissions), Insurance company follow-up or interaction with billing services related to patient care
- Pursue collection of unpaid bills
- Hospital workers, nurses, aids, and medical records department
- Emergency officials, Paramedic, fire personnel, emergency room physicians, nurses or technicians
- Personal religious designate
- Pharmacists, drug program personnel/workers
- Completion of disability forms
- Computer and electronically stored information (i.e. related business vendor and service persons)

I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THIS NECESSARY INFORMATION

Print Name	
ure of Patient or Representative	 Date