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Dear Patients :

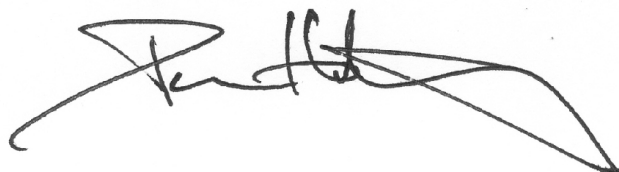
It is with great sadness that I must announce that effective June 1, 2017, South Michigan Ophthalmology will no longer be able to accept Medicaid as a primary insurance. I have resisted making this change for the last few years, but significant changes in the health care laws over the last several years have made it impossible for us to continue accepting Medicaid. It has been a great pleasure providing for your eye care needs over the years, and it is not easy for us to make this decision.

It is very important that you make arrangements as soon as possible to select a new physician to make sure you receive uninterrupted eye care. If you need a referral, please contact your medical plan to obtain a list of physicians in the area who are eligible to become your physician. You may also contact the Michigan Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons (313-823-1000), the Michigan Optometric Association (517-482-0616) or the Calhoun County Medical Society (269-660-0893) for assistance.

Once you have selected a new physician, you will need to complete an authorization to release your medical records so that I can forward a copy of your records to your new physician. Unfortunately, your medical records cannot be released without a written authorization from you. For your convenience, you can find a copy of an authorization form on our website: go to **[<https://smovision.org/forms>]**, then select the pdf file "Outgoing Records Release Request". Please print out, sign, and return your completed form to the office. Once received, we will forward your medical records to the physician of your choice. There will not be a charge for copying your record.

Thank you for having chosen us as your eye care providers. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve you. I wish you continued health and wellness.

Kindest regards,



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