

MATOSSIAN EYE ASSOCIATES

CONTACT LENS POLICY

- A routine eye exam does not equal a contact lens exam. A routine eye exam includes visual acuity measurement, refraction and ocular health testing. A contact lens fit is not scheduled on the same day as your routine full eye exam. Contact lens fits are complex and require more time. **As a result, contact lens fees are separate and additional.** These fees are rarely covered by insurance. We will be happy to give you a receipt to submit for reimbursement if your plan covers this type of service.
- **Current contact lens wearers** coming into the office for the first time require a **contact lens evaluation** where measurements are taken to choose the appropriate contact lens by establishing baseline contact lens information and parameters. However, patients are asked to provide us with previous parameters and if they do so, a decreased evaluation fee will apply.
- **Patients who do not bring their contact lens parameters, or who are being fit for the first time, need a contact lens fitting in addition to the evaluation.** A contact lens fitting involves the appropriate placement of a contact lens onto the eye, evaluation of the contact lens movement, determination of contact lens power, and the follow-up care needed to assure the eyes are responding favorably to the new contact lenses.
- **Contact lens fees are based on the following factors:**
 - a. The time required to determine the contact lens parameters which in many cases is directly related to the complexity of the prescription (please note that contact lens prescriptions are not eyeglass prescriptions).
 - b. If necessary, the time needed to train you in the correct wearing, maintenance, and use of contact lenses.
 - c. The follow-up care needed to assure your new contact lenses are performing optimally and your eyes are responding favorably.
- **Based on the above, your estimated fee for contact lens evaluation or fitting is \$150.00 - \$250.00, in most cases.**
- If for any reason it is determined that a patient cannot successfully wear contact lenses, **fees for professional services are not refundable.** Disposable contact lens wearers fit with a new brand or new prescription must return to our office in one week to confirm the eyes are responding favorably to the new contacts before the contact lenses will be ordered. Contact lens patients interested in non-disposable contacts need to be fit and evaluated with a new pair of non-disposable contact lenses. As a result, non-disposable contact lens patients must obtain their first pair of contact lenses through Matossian Eye Associates.
- A contact lens prescription will only be released after proper follow-up care to assure that the contact lenses are functioning properly and your eyes are responding favorably. The contact lens parameters will **NOT** be released immediately following the initial visit when additional follow-up care is required as determined by the doctor.
- Contact lens prescriptions are valid for a period of one year. Requests for contact lenses beyond one year must be preceded by a complete contact lens evaluation and a full eye exam to assure proper eye health while wearing the contact lenses.

PATIENT SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____