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## **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF MEASUREMENTS SPECIFIC TO OPHTHALMIC LENS/EYEGLOSS MANUFACTURING**

### **Pupillary Distance Policy (11/2007)**

The Ohio State University Optometry Services requires that a licensed optician make specialized adjustments and take precision measurements before ordering spectacles. These measurements should be taken by the optician involved in manufacturing the spectacles. Providing a pupillary distance measurement only, (horizontal measurement without a vertical measurement) is inconsistent with our mission to provide optimum vision care and optimally fitted spectacles.

A pupillary measurement is and always has been considered **part of the eyeglass fitting process** conducted by the eye care professional for the purpose of making glasses by that respective professional. This measurement is only one of a possible series of measurements. For non-digital single vision lenses there are potentially as many as three with two of the three considered a necessary requirement based on our curriculum. For digital single vision lenses there are as many as six potential measurements. The number of required measurements for multifocal lenses is even greater. To date, even with modern technology the most accurate process for taking these measurements is through in-person individualized measuring. Anything less is, in our opinion, incomplete and inaccurate. A request for a pupillary distance measurement as the one and only measurement as indicated by web based companies dismisses other important measurements provided to the laboratory by your direct, face-to-face eye care provider.

### **As Your Eye Care Profession We Recommend:**

Selecting an eye care provider who follows the recommended guidelines as indicated above. Traditionally, all measurements related to the manufacture of eyeglasses have been taken by the individual responsible for the ordering and manufacture of the product. This assures greater accuracy. The related measurements are also taken when the frame is in Standard Alignment. Keep in mind many frames vary in size, only a qualified eye care professional or a supervised eye care professional can determine what works best for your visual needs. We pride ourselves on adhering to the highest standards of practice. Our exams are thorough and detailed; your eyewear order should be the same.

Our goal is to provide the best possible eye care. Should you need assistance with your eyewear purchase, regardless of the source, we are here to assist. Whoever you chose to provide your eyewear assumes responsibility for accuracy and any remakes. Prescriptions released for patients seen originally in our clinic can be reviewed at no charge with in 60 days. Appointments related to eyewear issues which do not meet standards will be billed at usual and customary fees.

Patient signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_