



**Trajan J. Soares, O.D. F.A.A.O.**

Welcome, and thank you for your trust in our office! We are happy that you selected us as your eyecare provider and appreciate the opportunity to help you and your family with all of your eyecare and eyewear needs. The following letter contains items and instructions you will need for your first visit to our office, as well as some information about the Doctor and our practice.

Dr. Soares was raised in Los Banos. He received a Bachelors Degree from U.C. Davis, his Doctorate from Pacific University College of Optometry, and completed a residency at the Seattle V.A Hospital. His training emphasized commitment to early detection and aggressive management of serious conditions such as glaucoma, diabetes, cataracts, and macular degeneration. Dr. Soares is licensed to treat infections, inflammations, and most eye diseases including glaucoma.

We are sure you will want to start your examination soon after you check in for your appointment. In order to make the best use of your time with us, Dr. Soares has requested you bring the following:

- completed **Welcome to Our Office/ Health History** questionnaire. (enclosed)
- all **Health Insurance** cards
- any **Prescription Eyewear** you use
- all **Contacts Lens Information**. Please bring the boxes if you have them
- a List of All **Medications** including any **Eyedrops**
- any **Referral Forms** from Primary Care Physician and/or School Nurse if available

In order to maximize your use of your insurance benefits and decrease and billing difficulties, the doctor also recommends that you contact your health insurance company to find answers to the following:

- Do I have **vision coverage** that will pay for/toward an eye exam?
- Do I have **material coverage** that will pay for/ toward prescription eyewear and/or contact lenses?
- Is Dr. Soares **on my insurance company's provider list**? (Even "routine" visits can result in a medical diagnosis for which we may be able to bill your health insurance.)
- What is my **co-payment**?
- Do I need to satisfy a **deductible**?

This information will help us prepare for your first office visit when Dr. Soares will perform a comprehensive eye health examination and vision test. A thorough evaluation may mean having to use drops to dilate your eyes. These generally affect your near vision and may cause some increased sensitivity to light.

Based on the information you provide and the conclusions obtained during your detailed examination, Dr. Soares will recommend the best options for your visual needs. These recommendations may include items from our extensive inventory of designer frames and quality lenses, contact lenses, and/or LASIK refractive surgery.

If you have any questions, please contact our Patient Care Coordinator. Thank you again for your decision to allow us to provide all of your eye health and vision needs. We look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Trajan J. Soares and Staff