Social Sec. #: xxx-xx-_____

SIGNATURE ON FILE, ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS, FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

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Beneficiary Name (Print) Medicare Number

1. **Medicare:** I request that payment of authorized Medicare benefits be made on my behalf to Associates in Ophthalmology for services furnished by Associates in Ophthalmology. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the HCFA and its agents any information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payables for related services. I understand my signature requests that payment be made and authorizes release of medical information necessary to pay the claim. If other health insurance is indicated in item 9 of the CMS 1500 form or elsewhere on other approved claim forms, my signature authorizes releasing the information to the insurer or agency show. Associates in Ophthalmology accept the charge determination of the Medicare carrier as the full charge, and I am responsible only for the deductible, coinsurance and non-covered services. Coinsurance and deductible are based upon the charge determination of the Medicare carrier.

2. **MEDIGAP:** I understand that if a MediGap policy or health insurance is indicated in item 9 of the CMS 1500 form or elsewhere on other approved claim forms, my signature authorizes release of the information to the insurer or agency shown. I request that payment of authorized secondary insurance benefits be made on my behalf to Associates in Ophthalmology, if possible or otherwise to me.

3. **RELEASE OF INFORMATION:** Associates in Ophthalmology may disclose all or any part of my medical record and/or financial ledger, including information regarding alcohol or drug abuse, psychiatric illness, communicable disease or HIV, to any person or corporation (1) which is or may be liable or under contract to Associates in Ophthalmology for reimbursement for services rendered, and (2) any health care provider for continued patient care. Associates in ophthalmology may also disclose on an anonymous basis any information concerning my case, which is necessary and or appropriate for the advancement of medical science, medical education, medical research, for the collection of statistical data or pursuant to State or Federal law, statute or regulation. A copy of this authorization may be used in place of the original.

4. **OTHER INSURANCE**: I understand that Associates in Ophthalmology maintains a list of health care service plans with which it contracts. A list of such plans is available from the business office. And that Associates in Ophthalmology has no contract expressed or implied, with any plan that does not appear on the list. The undersigned agrees that I am individually obligated to pay the full charges pf all the services rendered to me by Associates in Ophthalmology if he/she belongs to a plan that does not appear on the above mentioned list.

5. **NON-COVERED SERVICES**: I understand that Associates in Ophthalmology's contracts with health care service plans (i.e., HMO's, PPO's) relate only to items and services which are "covered" by the health care services plans. Accordingly, the undersigned accepts full financial responsibility for all items or services, which are determined by the health care plan not to be covered.

6. **FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**: I agree that in return for the services provided to the patient by Associates in Ophthalmology I will pay my account at the time of service is rendered or will make financial arrangements satisfactory to Associates in Ophthalmology. I understand and agree that if my account is delinquent, I may be charged a late fee. Any benefits of any type under any policy of insurance insuring the patient, or any party liable to the patient, are hereby assigned to Associates in Ophthalmology. If co-payments and/or deductibles are designated by my insurance company or health plan, I agree to pay them to Associates in Ophthalmology. *However, it is understood that the undersigned and/or the patient are primarily responsible for the payment of the patient's bill.*

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Beneficiary Signature or Authorized Party *Date*