

## **Operation Sight:**

### **\*This program covers cataract removal surgery only\***

This program is through the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS).

If your client is interested in this program, for those eligible, it **offers coverage in full** (consultation before surgery, the surgery itself and OR facility fees, and post-op check-ins for cataract removal)

Steps to apply for Operation Sight:

- Have the client fill out the patient injury form on their website. (This is mainly contact information, annual income, insurance coverage and general questions about their last eye exam). Patient Injury Form Link: <https://ascrs.org/foundation/operation-sight/patient-inquiry>
- After submission of the inquiry form, the client will be contacted via email within 7-10 business days on if they are eligible for the program or not
- If eligible, they will be emailed a full application for the program. Submission details of the full application will be provided in the email/letter the client receives on their inquiry update. Once the full application is submitted, the client will receive verification or denial on acceptance to the program within 7-10 business days.
- If approved, the client will be matched with a facility that has a participating MD in the program. \*There is one doctor in Wisconsin that offers this program: Summit Eye Center in Wauwatosa just started partnering with them to offer cataract removal surgery.\* (John Vukich, MD)

### **Qualifications for Operation Sight:**

The client must:

- Must be at or below the 200% of the Federal Poverty Level defined by the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Documentation of household income and dependents must be provided.
- Must be uninsured or underinsured where insurance does not cover cataract surgery. Patients who receive Medicare Part B are ineligible. The program does not pay or assist with copays.
- Must have a formal cataract diagnosis where cataract surgery has been deemed medically necessary.
- Must permanently reside in the United States. Applicants who are temporarily visiting do not qualify for the program.

For more information, please reference Operation Sight's Qualification Process page:

<https://ascrs.org/foundation/operation-sight>