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Dear Patient,

We look forward to helping you treat the cause of your allergies and working toward a better quality of life.

OUR POLICY:

It's important to understand that the antigens used in allergy drops are the same physician prescribed antigens used in allergy shots. They're also prepared in the same way as allergy shots. The difference is the route of administration-a dropper that delivers the antigen under the tongue versus a syringe injecting antigen into tissue.

Currently, antigens are labeled by the FDA for use through injections. Using them for sublingual immunotherapy is an off-label use of an FDA-approved biologic, which is both legal and highly common. Most physicians prescribe "off-label" use of a myriad of drugs today, for example, the use of blood pressure medications for migraines, aspirin for heart conditions, or the use of arthritis drugs for the treatment of shingles. Allergy shots are considered the standard of care by most insurance companies.

Allergy drops (sublingual immunotherapy) are currently not covered by a majority of insurance carriers. It is most likely that your carrier will determine that sublingual antigens are a non-covered service, investigational, not medically necessary or medically appropriate based on your benefits plan, and may not cover the cost of Allergy Drops.

You will be responsible for the cost of drops. We will submit all other services to insurance including but not limited to: office visit charges, skin testing, blood work.

Please sign and date below acknowledging that you have read and agree to our financial policy and information provided to you about sublingual immunotherapy.

We look forward to your next visit!

Patient signature_____ **Date**_____

