



## PETITION TO SAVE EYE CARE IN ONTARIO



To The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has underfunded optometric eye care for 30 years;

AND WHEREAS the government only pays on average \$44.65 for an OHIP-insured visit - the lowest rate in Canada.

AND WHEREAS optometrists are being forced to pay substantially out of their own pocket to provide over 4 million services each year to Ontarians under OHIP.

AND WHEREAS optometrists have never been given a formal negotiation process with the government.

AND WHEREAS the government's continued neglect resulted in 96% of Ontario optometrists voting to withdraw OHIP services beginning September 1, 2021.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To instruct the Ontario government to immediately commit to legally-binding, formal negotiations to ensure any future OHIP-insured optometry services are, at a minimum, funded at the cost of delivery.