

# Welcome

Thank you for making an appointment with Dr. Tom Theune at Low Vision Services of Southern Colorado. We seek to help you function as fully and independently as possible by providing professional care for patients who are dealing with permanent vision loss.

## The Low Vision Evaluation

You will meet with Dr. Theune (pronounced Thee -nee) to determine how your vision loss impacts your daily activities. We will discuss what goals and tasks are important to you and will identify devices and strategies to help you accomplish these goals. The appointment lasts between 60 and 90 minutes and occasionally a follow-up visit may be needed. **Dr. Theune does not provide any eye health care, and all patients should return to their referring eye doctor for continued eye care.**

## What You Should Bring

- Any eyeglasses, magnifiers, telescopes and sunglasses
- Any portable digital devices: Cell phones (flip or smartphone); Tablet computer; Laptop computer
- Samples of items you would like to see. Also, any special materials you may need to see at home, work or school.
- Any insurance cards and other insurance information

## **Payment**

Dr. Theune's services are presently covered by Medicare, Medicaid and other supplemental health insurance companies. Some Medicare replacement plans and HMO's may not cover our services. Patients are responsible for co-payments (when applicable), deductibles and non-covered services. Evaluation fees range from \$120 - \$260. Follow-up visits may range from \$60 - \$110. If you do not have insurance that will cover the visit, payment is requested at the time of your appointment.

Low vision devices (magnifiers, etc.) are not covered by insurance. Prices vary, but most strong reading glasses, hand-held magnifiers and stand magnifiers are less than \$200. If needed, special payment plans may be arranged.

## **In Conclusion**

The best results are achieved when we form a partnership to define your goals and work together to attain them. We look forward to working with you.