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I support the proposed amended Rule 23 CAR pt 142 implementing Act 142 of 2025 and respectfully urge its adoption.

I am a Doctor of Optometry and sole owner of a private eye care practice located in Bentonville, Arkansas. My practice serves patients across Northwest Arkansas with a focus on comprehensive, high-quality vision and eye health care.

The Arkansas General Assembly acted decisively in adopting Act 142, establishing meaningful reimbursement protections that are critical to the sustainability of independent optometric practices and continued patient access to quality vision care in our state. The proposed rule faithfully implements Act 142 consistent with its plain language and the legislature's clear intent, including the adoption of a Medicare-based reimbursement benchmark and the prohibition of nominal or de minimis reimbursement.

I respectfully request that the rule be adopted as proposed.

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