

(i) The therapeutically certified optometrist shall consult with an ophthalmologist; and

(ii) The ophthalmologist may determine that the ophthalmologist needs to physically examine the patient.

(3) ~~IF EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF~~ a therapeutically certified optometrist administers or prescribes a topical therapeutic pharmaceutical agent under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the therapeutically certified optometrist shall communicate with the patient to determine the response of the patient to the therapeutic pharmaceutical agent as soon as practicable after 72 hours of the time the agent was administered or prescribed.

(4) A THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST MAY ADMINISTER OR PRESCRIBE TOPICAL STEROIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRACTICE PROTOCOL ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

~~(4)~~ (5) A therapeutically certified optometrist may not administer or prescribe:

- ~~(i)~~ (i) Steroids;
- ~~(ii)~~ (i) Antiviral agents;
- ~~(iii)~~ (ii) Antifungal agents;
- ~~(iv)~~ (iii) Antimetabolite agents; or
- ~~(v)~~ (iv) Antiparasitic agents.

~~(5)~~ (6) A therapeutically certified optometrist may dispense a topical therapeutic pharmaceutical agent listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection only if:

(i) No charge is imposed for the therapeutic pharmaceutical agent or for dispensing the agent; and

(ii) The amount dispensed does not exceed a 72-hour supply, except that if the minimum available quantity for dispensing is greater than a 72-hour supply, the minimum available quantity may be dispensed.

(c) (1) A therapeutically certified optometrist may administer and prescribe topical therapeutic pharmaceutical agents for glaucoma only:

- (i) For patients with primary open-angle glaucoma;
- (ii) After the optometrist refers the patient to an ophthalmologist; and
- (iii) After the ophthalmologist and optometrist jointly and promptly develop a written individualized treatment plan that is signed by the ophthalmologist and optometrist and includes:

1. All tests and examinations that led to the diagnosis;