

(4) A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM OR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER IF NECESSARY.

(B) IF, WHILE PROVIDING OPTOMETRIC SERVICES TO A PATIENT, A THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST DIAGNOSES AN ACTIVE EYE PATHOLOGY THAT THE OPTOMETRIST IS NOT CERTIFIED TO TREAT UNDER § 11-404.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE OPTOMETRIST SHALL REFER THE PATIENT TO:

- (1) AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST;
- (2) THE PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN;
- (3) A PHYSICIAN IF REQUIRED UNDER A MANAGED CARE CONTRACT;
- (4) A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM IF NECESSARY.

OR

11-403.

(a) A licensed optometrist may:

(1) Use the title "optometrist"; [and]

(2) If the optometrist holds the degree of doctor of optics or doctor of optometry from a college or university authorized to give the degree, use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviations "Dr." or "O.D." with the optometrist's name[.]; ~~AND~~

(3) IF THE OPTOMETRIST IS CERTIFIED UNDER § 11-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE, USE THE TITLE "DIAGNOSTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST"; AND

~~(3)~~ (4) IF THE OPTOMETRIST IS CERTIFIED UNDER § 11-404.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, USE THE TITLE "THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST".

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a licensed optometrist may not attach to the optometrist's name or use as a title:

(1) The words or abbreviations "Doctor", "Dr.", "M.D.", "physician", or "surgeon", or any other word or abbreviation that suggests that the optometrist practices medicine; or

(2) Any word or abbreviation that suggests that the optometrist treats diseases or injuries of the human eye, including the words "eye specialist", "eyesight specialist", "oculist", or "ophthalmologist".

11-404.

(a) Unless certified under this section, a licensed optometrist may not administer a topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agent to a patient.

(b) The Board shall certify a licensed optometrist as qualified to administer topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agents if the licensed optometrist submits to the Board evidence satisfactory to the Board that the licensed optometrist: