

~~(1) ADMINISTER AND PRESCRIBE TOPICAL AND ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS RATIONAL TO THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS AND DISEASES OF THE HUMAN EYE AND ADNEXA;~~

~~(2) REMOVE SUPERFICIAL FOREIGN BODIES FROM THE HUMAN EYE AND ADNEXA;~~

~~(3) PERFORM PROCEDURES RATIONAL TO THE TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS AND DISEASES OF THE HUMAN EYE AND ADNEXA AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD;~~

~~(4) PERFORM OR ORDER PROCEDURES AND LABORATORY TESTS RATIONAL TO THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS AND DISEASES OF THE HUMAN EYE AND ADNEXA; AND~~

~~(5) DISPENSE A THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT TO A PATIENT 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.~~

~~(E) UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS TITLE, AN OPTOMETRIST PRACTICING IN THE STATE MAY NOT:~~

~~(1) USE SURGICAL OPHTHALMIC LASERS;~~

~~(2) PERFORM CATARACT SURGERY OR ANY OTHER SURGERY;~~

~~(3) PERFORM RADIAL KERATOTOMY; OR~~

~~(4) DISPENSE A THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT TO ANY PERSON.~~

~~(F) A THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST SHALL BE HELD TO THE SAME STANDARD OF CARE APPLIED TO A PHYSICIAN LICENSED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE PROVIDING SIMILAR SERVICES.~~

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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "REFER" MEANS THAT A THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRIST:

(1) INFORMS THE PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT SHOULD SEE AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST AND GIVE THE OPHTHALMOLOGIST AN OPPORTUNITY TO PHYSICALLY EXAMINE THE PATIENT; AND

(2) REFRAINS FROM RENDERING FURTHER TREATMENT FOR THE SPECIFIC CONDITION THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE REFERRAL UNTIL THE PATIENT HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY EXAMINED BY AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST.