

(I) STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRISTS AND OPTOMETRIC CARE;

(II) AN ONGOING QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES THE MONITORING AND STUDY OF THE JOINT MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY OPEN-ANGLE GLAUCOMA PATIENTS UNDER § 11-404.2(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(III) A PROGRAM TO EVALUATE THE COST OF OPTOMETRIC CARE;
AND

(IV) A PLAN TO MONITOR COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION.

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THE BOARD TO:

(I) CONDUCT A CONTINUING STUDY AND INVESTIGATION OF THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRISTS TO ENSURE THE QUALITY OF CARE THEY PROVIDE; AND

(II) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY, AS THE SECRETARY REQUIRES, ON THE RESULTS OF THE BOARD'S STUDY AND INVESTIGATION.

(3) THE BOARD'S STUDY AND INVESTIGATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) A PEER REVIEW PROGRAM; AND

(II) A REVIEW OF PATIENT OPTOMETRIC RECORDS THAT INCLUDES THE COLLECTION AND EVALUATION OF DATA ON THE DRUGS BEING PRESCRIBED AND ADMINISTERED AND THE APPROPRIATENESS OF TREATMENT BY THERAPEUTICALLY CERTIFIED OPTOMETRISTS.

11-503.

AN OPTOMETRIST PRACTICING IN THE STATE MAY NOT:

(1) USE SURGICAL LASERS;

(2) PERFORM ANY SURGERY, INCLUDING CATARACT SURGERY OR CRYOSURGERY;

(3) PERFORM A RADIAL KERATOTOMY;

(4) GIVE AN INJECTION, EXCEPT THAT AN OPTOMETRIST MAY GIVE AN INJECTION OF EPINEPHRINE IN THE APPROPRIATE DOSE FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE ANAPHYLAXIS OR EMERGENCY RESUSCITATION; OR

(5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS TITLE, DISPENSE A THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT TO ANY PERSON.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, as of the effective date of this Act, the only therapeutic pharmaceutical agents course that is approved by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is given by the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry.