

IDAHO BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Negotiated Rulemaking Minutes of 8/10/2022

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Scholer, DFM
Members of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM MT by Ms. Stuart.

Ms. Stuart opened the meeting by revisiting Vision Therapy, which was moved to a new Practice Standards section, rather than in Definitions, where it was not used. Ms. Stuart stated that the Board agreed to the change.

Rule 275.01, Endorsement, has been struck and the section has been revised with updated language on Conditions to be Granted a License by Endorsement.

Rule 300, Continuing Education, requires 12 hours each calendar year, with an additional six hours for therapeutic agents. Lisa White, Executive Director of Idaho Optometric Physicians (IOP) inquired about defining 'advanced ocular disease', Ms. Stuart will research to find out if there has been any past confusion.

Rule 450, Prescriptions for Spectacles and Contact Lenses. Lisa White and Lance Giles, IOP Legislative Advisor, inquired about the maximum timeframe for prescriptions because they want to avoid unreasonable time frames and stated that optometrists can extend dates when requested. Ms. Stuart relayed that the Board wanted to ensure that patients who are out of state for extended periods of time have access to their contact and glasses refills and that Rules cannot be more restrictive of Statutes. Ms. Kear will review federal laws regarding contact lenses.

Rule 600, Optometrist Authorized to Obtain and Use Pharmaceutical Agents, Ms. White and Mr. Giles asked to retain language regarding practice levels to exclude the few Idaho Optometrists without prescribing privileges. Ms. Stuart stated that there is no longer an additional fee for certification to obtain and use pharmaceutical agents and that any violations would be addressed by disciplinary action. Mr. Giles asked Ms. Stuart to revisit this section.

Rule 00, Discipline, Ms. Stuart stated that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) is looking at uniform discipline policies across the division. Ms. White requested the ability to allow a fee for records, Ms. Kear stated that entities can typically charge of fee of their choosing. Ms. Stuart will continue to research and present any additional information at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment: 1:25 PM MT

Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2022