

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Article 8.—Minimum Standards for Ophthalmic Services

65-8-4. Content of prescription.

(a) Any prescription issued by a licensee for spectacle lenses shall include:

- (1) the sphere power;
- (2) the cylinder power;
- (3) the axes location;
- (4) the prism power and base direction; and
- (5) the power of multifocal.

(b) No prescription for spectacle lenses shall include instructions to obtain the specifications from existing lenses without examination.

(c) Any prescription issued by a licensee for rigid contact lenses shall include:

- (1) the lens material and design;
- (2) the base curve;
- (3) the power;
- (4) the prism power;
- (5) the diameter;
- (6) peripheral curve radii and widths; and
- (7) the tint.

(d) Any prescription issued by a licensee for soft contact lenses shall include:

- (1) the base curve;
- (2) the power;
- (3) the diameter ;
- (4) the manufacturer and lens design; and
- (5) the color.

(e) No prescription issued by a licensee for rigid or soft contact lenses shall include instructions to obtain the specifications from:

- (1) existing lenses, without examination; or

(2) conversion of a spectacle lens prescription.

(f) In addition, the following information shall be included on any prescription issued by a licensee for any ophthalmic lenses:

(1) the printed name and license registration number of the prescribing licensee;

(2) the address and telephone number of the prescribing licensee ;

(3) the name and address of the patient;

(4) the signature of the prescribing licensee;

(5) the date the prescription was issued, the date of the examination, and expiration date;

(6) any instructions necessary for the fabrication or use of the ophthalmic lenses; and

(7) any special instructions.

(g) Any prescription issued by a licensee for spectacle lenses which does not include the requirements for soft or rigid contact lens prescriptions shall not become an adequate prescription for contact lenses by any comment on the prescription indicating it can be used for contact lenses.

(h) Any prescription issued by a licensee for a topical pharmaceutical drug shall include:

(1) the printed name and license registration number of the prescribing licensee;

(2) the address and telephone number of the prescribing licensee;

(3) the name and address of the patient;

(4) the name and quantity of the drugs prescribed;

(5) directions for use;

(6) the number of refills permitted;

(7) the date of issue and expiration; and

(8) the signature of the prescribing licensee.

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