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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

GENERAL PROVISIONS

NAC 636. (New) *“Contact Lens Fitting Process” defined. The term “completion of the contact lens fitting process” means completion of the process that begins after the initial eye examination and includes: (1) an examination to determine what the lens specifications should be; (2) an initial evaluation of the fit of the lens on the patients eye; (3) follow-up examinations that are medically necessary, and (4) the prescriber is satisfied that a successful fit has been achieved.*

NAC 636.720 Contents of prescriptions; *release of prescriptions.*

1. A prescription for spectacle lenses must specify the refractive power necessary for best vision and contain instructions concerning the times at which the lenses are to be worn. *A copy of the prescription of spectacle lenses must be released to the patient, regardless of whether or not the patient requests such a copy.*

2. A prescription for polymethylmethacrylate (Hydrophobic) contact lenses must specify the base curve, diameter and refractive power of the lenses.

3. A prescription for rigid gas permeable contact lenses must:

(a) Specify the base curve, diameter and refractive power of the lenses;

(b) Specify the:

(1) Brand name and type of lens; or

(2) The actual materials desired, with their ability to transmit oxygen; and

(c) State whether the prescription is for daily wear or for a stated maximum number of 24-hour periods.

4. A prescription for soft (Hydrophilic) contact lenses must:

(a) Specify the base curve or equivalent, diameter and refractive power of the lenses;

(b) Specify the:

(1) Brand name of type of lens; or

(2) The actual materials desired, with their percentage of water content and thickness; and

(c) State whether the prescription is for daily wear or for a stated maximum number of 24-hour periods.

5. Upon completion of the contact lens fitting process , as defined in NAC 636 (New), the prescription for polymethylmethacrylate (Hydrophobic), rigid gas permeable contact lenses, or soft (Hydrophilic) contact lenses must be:

(a) Released at the request of the patient, to the patient;

(b) Released to an agent of the patient, upon presentation of a written request from the patient; or

(c) Verified, at the request of the patient, to an agent of the patient;

(d) Any failure or refusal to furnish all of the information required to properly duplicate the current prescription shall be supported by a properly documented and sufficient clinical rationale;

(e) At no time, without the written direction of a prescriber, shall any changes or substitutions

be made in the brand or type of lenses prescribed in the original prescription; and

(f) After the release of a contact lens prescription under this subsection, liability for future fittings or dispensing of contact lenses under the original prescription lies with the dispensing individual, entity or practitioner.

6. If a patient has not completed the contact lens fitting process, as defined in NAC 636 (New), but desires to have a prescription, the prescription need only contain the information required for ophthalmic lenses.