

**LCB File No. R197-01**

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

**NAC 636.280 Requirements for certification. (NRS 636.125, 636.2893)** To receive a certificate to treat persons diagnosed with glaucoma pursuant to NRS 636.2895, an optometrist:

1. Must be licensed and in good standing to practice optometry in the State of Nevada.
2. Must possess a valid certificate to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents pursuant to NRS 636.288.
3. Must have successfully passed the “Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Examination” administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry on or after January 1st, 1993.
4. Shall submit proof on a written form provided by the executive director of the board that the optometrist has treated at least 15 persons described in subsection 3 of NRS 636.2893. The form must include:

(a) The name, address and license number of the optometrist;

~~[(b) The name of each patient treated, the date on which the treatment for each patient began and a description of the treatment plan which, for each patient must be not less than one year in length beginning not earlier than October 1st, 1999;]~~

*(b) A statement that the optometrist, in consultation with an ophthalmologist, has treated the patients for a period totaling not less than 12 months, commencing no earlier than October 1st, 1999. The one year treatment period need not be comprised of 12 consecutive months.*

(c) A statement that the optometrist has, in consultation with an ophthalmologist licensed in the State of Nevada, treated the patients in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and chapter 636 of NRS;

(d) A statement that the consulting ophthalmologist has diagnosed the patients with glaucoma;

(e) The signatures of the optometrist, the consulting ophthalmologist and a notary public attesting to the accuracy of the information.

**NAC 636.290 Consultation with and referral to ophthalmologist; records. (NRS 636.125)**

1. An optometrist who treats persons for glaucoma in consultation with an ophthalmologist pursuant to NRS 636.2891, 636.2893 and 636.2895 shall:

~~[(a) Conduct an optometric examination of the patient at least once every 4 months for not less than 1 year;]~~

*(a) Conduct such optometric examinations of the patient as are deemed necessary and prudent by the optometrist and/or the consulting ophthalmologist;*

(b) Provide written records of each *optometric* examination of a patient ~~[and the treatment]~~ to the consulting ophthalmologist; and

(c) Refer the patient to ~~[an]~~ *the consulting* ophthalmologist for further examination and treatment if the ophthalmologist determines, after reviewing the written records, that such a referral is necessary.

~~[2. Within 30 days after a consulting ophthalmologist receives the records of an optometric examination and a course of treatment from an optometrist, the consulting ophthalmologist shall notify the optometrist in writing as to whether the consulting ophthalmologist agrees to the course of treatment outlined by the optometrist.]~~

*2. The optometrist shall forward to the consulting ophthalmologist, the records of the optometric examination performed, together with a proposed course of treatment. The optometrist shall not proceed with treatment of the patient until such time as the optometrist has received written confirmation from the ophthalmologist that he/she concurs with the proposed course of treatment.*

~~[3. During the period before an optometrist is certified to treat persons diagnosed with glaucoma, the optometrist shall not treat any patient found to have any of the conditions or complications set forth in NRS 636.2891 which require referral of such patients to an ophthalmologist.]~~

3. The records of each patient created as a result of treatment provided by an optometrist in accordance with the provisions of this section and NRS 636.2891:

(a) Must be retained by the optometrist for not less than 5 years as required by law; and

(b) Are subject to examination by the board