

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

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 636.125 and 636.2893; §§ 2 and 3, NRS 636.125.

Section 1. NAC 636.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

636.280 To receive a certificate to treat persons diagnosed with glaucoma pursuant to NRS 636.2895, an optometrist ~~is~~:

~~—1. Must be~~ *must*:

1. *Be* licensed and in good standing to practice optometry in the State of Nevada.
2. ~~Must possess~~ *Possess* a valid certificate to administer and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents issued pursuant to NRS 636.288.
3. ~~Must have~~ *Have* successfully passed the “Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease Examination” administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry on or after January 1, 1993.
4. ~~Shall submit~~ *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 1 year in~~

~~length beginning not~~ *A statement that the optometrist has, in consultation with an ophthalmologist licensed in the State of Nevada, treated the patients for a period totaling at least 12 months, regardless of whether that period of treatment consisted of 12 consecutive months or not, and beginning no* earlier than October 1, 1999;

(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; and

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

Sec. 2. NAC 636.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

636.290 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]~~ *such optometric examinations* of the patient ~~[at least once every 4 months for not less than 1 year;]~~ *as are deemed necessary and prudent by the optometrist and the consulting ophthalmologist;*

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

(c) Refer the patient to an ophthalmologist for further examination or 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.~~

~~—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.~~

~~—4.} *The optometrist may not proceed with treatment of the patient until the optometrist receives written confirmation from the consulting ophthalmologist that the consulting ophthalmologist concurs with the proposed course of treatment.*~~

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 NRS 629.051;
and

(b) Are subject to examination by the board.

Sec. 3. NAC 636.700 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

636.700 Mailing of fees and documents to board. Any fee or document:

1. That is required or permitted by the provisions of this chapter or chapter 636 of NRS to be filed with or paid to the board or its staff; and

2. That is mailed to the board,

FLUSH must be sent by registered or certified mail.