

Following is a glaring deficiency in the CL release regulation that requires immediate consideration:

Request from 1-800 Contacts for verification of a contact lens prescription for a patient who has not been examined or seen since 1999.

Rx verification form indicates a prescription for lenses the patient was never dispensed or prescribed while under our care. Lenses were obviously fitted elsewhere. Verification form has no place on it wherein Rx can be marked "expired" or "you have contacted the wrong doctor".

Fax form is returned by my office with large block letters across form stating "expired".

Should response by my office occur after the 8 hour limit, I would assume the dispenser would ship lenses to the patient with me as the doctor of record.

What is to stop any dispenser wishing to sell lenses to a patient in any town from faxing an Rx verification to any doctor in that town picked out of a phone book? A doctor not recognizing a patient as his own would most likely not respond to the fax. Any non-response, or delayed response would validate and trigger a sale.

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