

As a contact lens wearer, I cannot believe that an eye care professional has the right to limit my access to my own prescriptive information. I believe that only I own my prescriptive information, which is a blueprint of my eye characteristics. The optometrist or ophthalmologist is merely an examiner who analyzes my characteristics and reports those same characteristics to me. It is ludicrous to think that those same providers think they can limit my access to my health records.

While I realize that those providers have a right to withhold issuance of prescriptions until they are paid for their services, they should not be allowed to examine a patient if they then intend to withhold prescriptive services due to stipulations regarding where that same prescription should be filled. After all, does a physician write a prescription and require you to fill it only at a designated pharmacy? Of course not!

This is not a practice that the medical profession in this country can afford to sanction, and I know you will listen to the voices of the contact lens wearers in this country and do the right thing. Thank you.

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