

Comment # 184

From: Steve Cutter
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2004 2:45 PM
To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Contact Lens Act

Dear Sir / Madam:

I am writing to let you know I fully support the Contact Lens Consumer Act of 2003. I was always irritated by the fact that eye care professionals wanted to make you buy lenses through them before they would give you a copy of a prescription which you just paid for. I believe it is the patient's right to purchase lenses through the provider that is the most cost effective and convenient.

There is also another issue that I think needs to be addressed. If I remember correctly, eye prescriptions normally used to be written for a period of two years. I noticed with my last examination that the prescription contained a notation saying that it was only valid for one year. I understand that there are individuals whose ocular health needs to be monitored more closely, but I think this is a rather short period of time for the average person. I think this is designed mainly to keep people coming back and paying regular fees for examinations. I am able to recognize immediately when I'm not seeing as clearly as possible and have always visited an eye care professional as necessary, but being forced back into an office on an annual basis when there is no call, just so I can continue to order contacts, amounts to being gouged.

Thank you for your attention.