

**From:** Dale & Susie Harroff  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2004 5:30 PM  
**To:** CONTACTLENSRULE  
**Subject:** Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003.

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Contact Lens wearer for many years, I am very interested in seeing to it that my rights to receive my contact lens prescription at the time of examination by a licenced professional, without any hassel, and without any extra fees. I urge those of you who have been charged with the public's trust to protect CONSUMERS, (NOT DOCTORS), to do just that - make certain that you put in place and/or protect whatever measures have already been put into place that are necessary to protect those of us who wear contact lenses!

When I visit my regular physician, and she prescribes medicine for me, she writes me a prescription, and hands it to me, giving me the freedom to take it anywhere I wish to get it filled. I am not charged an extra fee above and beyond the office visit for this. I am not forced to take it to a pharmacy of HER choice. I am not forced to buy the medecine from HER. I am not forced to sign a waiver. She just gives me the Rx and I take it where ever I choose. In fact, I think there are laws in place which forbid a medical doctor from being in the "pharmacy" business, in order to protect patients, and keep doctors from having a conflict of interest when diagnosing and treating their patients.

THE SAME RULES SHOULD APPLY TO ALL AREAS OF PATIENT CARE, INCLUDING EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS.

I remember some ruling back in the 1970's which attempted to separate the eye doctors from the dispensing and filling of the prescriptions, however, due to loop-holes, there is a VERY THIN VEIL between the two operations, at best. However, when I visit my optomotrist for eye glasses, and he prescribes corrective lenses for me, he writes me a prescription, and hands it to me, giving me the freedom to take it anywhere I wish to get it filled. I am not charged an extra fee above and beyond the eye examination for this. I am not forced to take it to an optition of HIS choice. I am not forced to buy the glasses from HIM. I am not forced to sign a waiver. He just gives me the Rx and I take it where ever I choose.

Again, I say, THE SAME RULES SHOULD APPLY TO ALL AREAS OF EYE CARE, INCLUDING EXAMINATION FOR CONTACT LENSES, AND THE FREE AND UNDAUNTED RELEASE OF CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTIONS UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXAMINATION!

Please DO NOT cave into the pressures of big money lobbyists being paid to protect the income of the doctors who pay them! But, instead make sure that we, as consumers, are protected, and are allowed to receive our contact lens prescriptions without charge, hidden or otherwise, and are free to choose where we will have our contact lens prescriptions filled!

Sincerely,  
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