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I am writing in support of the contact lens rule. In over 20 years of contact lens use I have never had my eye doctor volunteer to give me my prescription. It is always a tension filled moment when I have to ask for it. Mail order contacts have always been convenient, safe and less expensive for me and my family.

If I understand correctly, from my eye doctor on my last visit, this rule may also contain language that requires the mail order provider, and therefore the consumer, to get all prescriptions renewed annually. I am against this provision. My prescription has not changed in ten years. Why should I be forced to pay for an annual exam? To me this is purely a provision sought by eye doctors to make it less convenient to use mail order providers. My eye doctor, at this last visit, only brought up the new legislation after I indicated that I would not be buying any lenses from him. It was a scare tactic to try to imply that mail order was unsafe. That visit was over a month ago and I still do not have my new prescription from him. I will be calling again on Monday.

Thanks for your time.

Patrick Smith