

Subject Ophthalmic prescriptions

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Overview

This bill requires providers to establish a provider-patient relationship through an examination, for the purposes of prescribing ophthalmic goods, and outlines requirements for the required examination.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Provider-patient relationship required. Amends § 145.713 by adding subd. 4.</p> <p>Paragraph (a) defines the following terms, for purposes of this subdivision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Contact lens”▪ “Ophthalmic prescription”▪ “Provider” <p>Paragraph (b) requires a provider (an optometrist or physician) to establish a provider-patient relationship through an examination, in order to prescribe ophthalmic goods to a patient.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) specifies that an examination for the purposes of paragraph (b) must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) in person;2) through face-to-face interactive communication; or3) through store-and-forward technologies, under specified conditions. <p>Paragraph (d) specifies that this subdivision does not apply to the sale of over-the-counter reader eyeglasses.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2019, for prescriptions written on or after that date.</p>



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