

§ 1701. Prescription/name of patient and prescription

A. Each physician, surgeon, optometrist, and dentist upon writing a prescription shall write the name of the patient and the trade name, or the generic name, or the most commonly used name on the prescription issued.

B. No druggist, pharmacist, or dispensing physician shall fill any prescription unless the name of the patient and the trade name, or the generic name or the most commonly used name of the prescription appears on the label, unless otherwise specified by the physician, surgeon, optometrist, or dentist.

1741. Laboratory tests/ disclosure of costs/ violations

A. No person licensed in the state to practice medicine, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, veterinary medicine, or chiropractic shall agree or contract with any clinical, bicanalytical, or hospital laboratory, wherever located, to pay such laboratory for individual tests or analysis, combinations of tests or analyses, or tests or analysis series for patients or animals, and thereafter include such costs in his bill or statement submitted to the patient or other person for payment, unless the practitioner discloses on the bill or statement the name and address of the laboratory and the net amount or amounts paid or to be paid to the laboratory for the individual test or analysis, the combination of tests or analyses, or test or analysis series to included.

§ 1299.97. Contact lens prescription; contents; expiration; restrictions on filling; release; penalties

A. Every contact lens prescription written by a licensed physician or licensed optometrist for use in correcting errors of refraction and restoring, as near as possible, normal human vision shall be signed by the physician or optometrist and shall contain information specifying the physical design, material type, curvatures, diameters, pertinent measurements, and refractive power and an expiration date not to exceed eighteen months.

B. No owner, employer, or agent of any business establishment that buys, sells, offers to sell, dispenses, or gives away prescription contact lenses may fill a contact lens prescription unless the information provided in Subsection A is included on the prescription or after the expiration date of the prescription.

C. No person other than the prescribing physician, optometrists, or his designated employee may release to a patient a copy of his contact lens prescription. However, no such physician, optometrist, or his designated employee may deny, withhold, attempt to deny or withhold, or refuse to release to any patient his prescription, or a copy of his prescription, if requested by the patient.

D. Any person who violates the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. For each subsequent offense, the violator shall be fined no more than one thousand dollars.

E. For purposes of this Section, a spectacle prescription shall not be construed to be or substituted for a contact lens prescription.

Section 2. R.S. 44:4(37) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

♣ 44.4 Applicability

This Chapter shall not apply:

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(37) To any records, writings, accounts, letters, letter books, photographs, or copies or memoranda thereof, and any report or reports concerning the fitness of any person to receive, or continue to hold a license to practice optometry, in the custody or control of the Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners. However, any final determination made by the board after an adjudication hearing, other than by consent order, agreement, or other informal disposition shall be a public record.