

**SUMMARY – TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA BY OPTOMETRISTS**

<b>STATE:</b>	<b>All Topical Medications To Treat Glaucoma</b>	<b>Oral Medications To Treat Glaucoma</b>	<b>Emergency Orals</b>	<b>Consultation Requirement</b>	<b>Comanagement Required [1]</b>	<b>Special Conditions as Required by State Law</b>
Alabama	Y	Y	Y			None
Alaska	Y	Y	Y			None
Arizona	Y					None
Arkansas	Y	Y	Y			None
California	Y	Y	Y	certain Dx	limited [1,2,6]	refer certain types
Colorado	Y	Y	Y			None
Connecticut	Y		Y			refer certain types
Delaware	Y	Y	Y			None
D.C.	Y		Y	Y		None
Florida	Y					refer certain types
Georgia	Y	Y	Y			refer certain types
Hawaii	Y	Y	Y			None
Idaho	Y	Y	Y			None
Illinois	Y	Y	Y			oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors for no more than 72 hrs
Indiana	Y	Y	Y			None
Iowa	Y	Y	Y			None
Kansas	Y	Y	Y		limited [2]	None
Kentucky	Y	Y	Y			None
Louisiana	Y	Y	Y			None
Maine	Y	Y	Y		limited [2, 8]	None
Maryland	Y				Y	None
Massachusetts						
Michigan	Y	Y	Y			None
Minnesota	Y	Y	Y			oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitors for no more than 7 days
Mississippi	Y	Y	Y			None
Missouri	Y	Y	Y			None
Montana	Y	Y	Y			None
Nebraska	Y					refer certain types
Nevada	Y		Y	Y	limited [2]	refer certain types
New Hampshire	Y [5]		Y	Y	limited [2]	refer certain types
New Jersey	Y	Y	Y			None
New Mexico	Y	Y	Y			no osmotics
New York	Y				limited [2]	None

North Carolina	Y	Y	Y			None
North Dakota	Y	Y	Y			None
Ohio	Y	Y	Y			None
Oklahoma	Y	Y	Y			None
Oregon	Y	Y	Y	certain Dx		None
Pennsylvania	Y					refer certain types
Rhode Island	Y	Y	Y		limited [2,7]	
South Carolina	Y	Y	Y			None
South Dakota	Y	Y	Y			None
Tennessee	Y	Y	Y			None
Texas	Y		Y	Y [3]		refer certain types
Utah	Y	Y	Y			None
Vermont	Y	Y	Y	only when oral Rx'd	limited [2]	refer certain types
Virginia	Y	Y	Y			refer certain types
Washington	Y	Y	Y			None
West Virginia	Y	Y	Y			None
Wisconsin	Y	Y	Y			refer certain types
Wyoming	Y		Y			None

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**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Co-management includes periodic face-to-face visits with an ophthalmologist until independent treatment authority is gained by the licensee.

<sup>2</sup> Optometrists in these states co-manage either a specific number of patients with glaucoma or patients with glaucoma for a specific period of time prior to obtaining authorization to independently treat glaucoma in the future.

<sup>3</sup> The Texas optometry law requires consultation with an ophthalmologist to include confirmation of diagnosis and co-management, however the parameters, including any requirement for face-to-face visits, are at the discretion of the co-managing ophthalmologist.

<sup>4</sup> Reserved.

<sup>5</sup> May use those topical glaucoma drugs as determined by the Joint Pharmaceutical Formulary and Credentialing Committee. May treat with no more than two concurrent topical legend drugs. The Committee will determine which combination legend drugs shall be considered one medication for this purpose.

<sup>6</sup> Graduates after May 1, 2008 will be automatically certified upon licensure to immediately independently treat glaucoma – no cases must be co-managed first.

<sup>7</sup> Graduates after January 1, 2007 will be automatically certified upon licensure to immediately independently treat glaucoma – no cases must be co-managed first.

<sup>8</sup> Graduates in 1996 and thereafter are not required to comanage any cases – no cases must be comanaged first.

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