

**SUMMARY – ORAL PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR OPTOMETRISTS**

<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ORAL AUTHORITY</b>	<b>ANY STATUTORY RESTRICTIONS ON <u>WHICH</u> ORAL DRUGS MAY BE PRESCRIBED</b>
Alabama	YES	excluding oral hydrocodone
Alaska	YES	none
Arizona	YES	certain specific medications are the only oral agents authorized
Arkansas	<b>ALL</b>	none
California	YES	specific medications or classes of medications for the Tx of certain conditions only
Colorado	YES	excluding oral antifungals and oral steroids
Connecticut	YES	excluding oral glaucomas except for emergency
Delaware	YES	excluding oral steroids, oral antivirals, oral antifungals, and oral antiparasitics
D.C.	YES	excluding oral steroids, oral antivirals, oral antifungals, and oral glaucomas except for emergency
Florida		
Georgia	YES	antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals, antihistamines, anti-glaucoma, analgesics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, and controlled substances (excluding Schedule I and II) are the only classes of orals authorized
Hawaii	YES	excluding narcotics
Idaho	<b>ALL</b>	none
Illinois	YES	anti-infectives, anti-allergy, anti-glaucoma, anti-inflammatory (excluding oral steroids), analgesics (excluding Schedule I or II controlled narcotic substances) are the only classes of orals authorized; carbonic anhydrase inhibitors may be Rx'd for no more than 72 hours
Indiana	YES	excluding controlled substances
Iowa	<b>ALL</b>	Imuran and Methotrexate may not be Rx'd
Kansas	<b>ALL</b>	
Kentucky	<b>ALL</b>	none
Louisiana	<b>ALL</b>	none
Maine	YES	excluding oral chemotherapeutic agents, oral immunosuppressive agents and oral immunostimulant agents
Maryland	YES	tetracycline for treatment of seborrheic blepharitis and meibomitis is the only oral agent authorized
Massachusetts		
Michigan	YES	excluding oral steroids
Minnesota	YES	excluding oral steroids
Mississippi	YES	glaucoma, antibiotic, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory, anti-viral, Schedule IV and V controlled analgesics, and over-the-counter anti-allergy drugs are the only classes of oral agents authorized
Missouri	<b>ALL</b>	none
Montana	<b>ALL</b>	none

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Nebraska	YES	excluding oral steroids, oral glaucomas, and oral immunosuppressive agents
Nevada	YES	antibiotics, non-steroidal anti-allergy, analgesics, and emergency glaucoma agents are the only classes of oral agents authorized
New Hampshire	YES	antibiotics, analgesics, antivirals, NSAIDs, and oral glaucoma medications in an emergency are the only oral agents authorized
New Jersey	<b>ALL</b>	none
New Mexico	YES	excluding oral steroids, oral antifungals, oral osmotics, and oral immunosuppressive agents
New York		
North Carolina	<b>ALL</b>	none
North Dakota	<b>ALL</b>	none
Ohio	YES	all orals except only oral steroid authorized is methylpredisolone
Oklahoma	<b>ALL</b>	none
Oregon	<b>ALL</b>	may not prescribe drugs classified principally as antineoplastics
Pennsylvania	YES	certain specific medications are the only oral agents authorized
Rhode Island	<b>ALL</b>	
South Carolina	YES	excluding oral steroids
South Dakota	<b>ALL</b>	none
Tennessee	<b>ALL</b>	none
Texas	YES	antibiotics, antihistamines, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory, analgesics, emergency glaucoma medications, and other oral drugs approved by the Optometric Health Care Advisory Committee are the only oral agents authorized
Utah	<b>ALL</b>	none
Vermont	<b>ALL</b>	none
Virginia	<b>ALL</b>	none
Washington	YES	excluding oral steroids, specific medications or classes of medications that may be prescribed are included on a formulary
West Virginia	<b>ALL</b>	none
Wisconsin	<b>ALL</b>	none
Wyoming	YES	excluding oral steroids, oral antifungals, oral immunosuppressive agents, and oral sedative-hypnotics

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