



Scope of Practice Enactments - Timeline

YEAR:	Diagnostic Drug Authority	Diagnostic Authority and Prescriptive Authority at the Same Time	Original Prescriptive Authority to Treat Disease	Additional Prescriptive or Procedure Authority to Treat Disease	Repeal or Diminishment of Authority
1971	RI				none
1972					none
1973					none
1974	PA				none
1975	TN, OR, ME, LA, DE				none
1976	CA	WV			none
1977	WY, NM, MT, KS	NC			none
1978	KY, WI				none
1979	NE, SD, UT, ND, AR, NV, IA				none
1980	GA, AZ				none
1981	ID, OK, WA, MO, TX				none
1982	MN, MS, AL, GU				none
1983	VA, CO, NY				none
1984	OH, SC, MI, VT, IL		OK		none
1985	NH, HI, MA		NM, IA, RI		none
1986	DC, CT	FL	KY, SD, NE, MO		none
1987			WY, AR, ID, ND, KS, TN, MT, ME	IA	none
1988	AK		GA, VA, CO		none
1989	MD		WA, WI		none
1990					none
1991		IN	UT, TX, OR	IA, SD	none
1992		NJ	OH, CT, AK		none
1993			AZ, MN, SC, LA, NH	AR, IA, MT, NE, TN	none
1994			MS, VT, DE, MI	GA, OK, SD, WI	none
1995			GU, MD, AL, NV, IL, NY	GA, ME, MO, NM, WY	none
1996			CA, HI, PA	CO, CT, KS, KY, ME	none

1997			MA	AR, HI, ID, MI, NC, ND, RI, UT, WV	none
1998			DC	NE, OK, WV	none
1999	PR			AZ, KS, MT, NV, TX	none
2000				CA	none
2001				ND, OR, SC	none
2002				CO, HI, IA, MI, NH, PA	none
2003				MN, SD, WA	none
2004				HI, NJ, OH, OK, VT, VA	none
2005				LA, MD, MS, VT	none
2006				LA, NH	none
2007				AK, AZ, GA, IL, LA, NM, OH	none
2008				CA, RI	None
2009				ME	
TOTAL:	45 states, D.C., Puerto Rico & Guam	5 states	45 states, D.C. & Guam	74 states	0

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SUMMARY:

- Laws establishing or expanding prescriptive or treatment authority for optometrists have been enacted **174** times in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.
- Laws repealing or diminishing prescriptive or treatment authority for optometrists have **never** been enacted.

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