



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF OPTOMETRIC EXAMINERS

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### KENTUCKY BOARD OF OPTOMETRIC EXAMINERS ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DISPENSING

On April 6, 2021, the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners' Dispensing regulation officially went into effect outlining the means by which Kentucky Optometrists may dispense pharmaceutical agents. The regulation passed a rigorous review during the KRS 13A regulation promulgation process, including a hearing before the Administrative Regulatory Review Subcommittee of the General Assembly, which found the regulation to be in compliance with Kentucky statutes.

The regulation 201 KAR 5:140, detailing the regulatory compliance requirements, including the medical purpose for, manner, standard of care, recordkeeping/retrieval, and storage and packaging requirements is now effective.

Beginning June 25, 2021, those Kentucky licensed optometrists who would like to begin dispensing pharmaceutical agents to patients shall first **REGISTER** with the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners, providing affirmation of intent to dispense, a list of pharmaceutical agent classifications they intend to dispense, relevant practice and premises information, and permissions relevant to investigation of dispensing in the course of optometric practice. The registration form is attached to the electronic message containing this announcement, and is posted on the website at [optometry.ky.gov](http://optometry.ky.gov). For further information about dispensing within the course of Optometric practice please see the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners Advisory Opinion, 2021-001 published on June 25, 2021.

The Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners is an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has the charge of protecting the public by regulating the licensing and compliance of Kentucky optometrists with state laws and professional standards. Members of the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners are appointed by the Governor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan L. Shrewsbury, D.O.".

Dr. Jonathan Shrewsbury, O.D.  
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