

APPENDIX: FF

DRAFT TEMPLATE 1

Unless authorized by a prescriber who has conducted an ocular examination of the client, an optician must not conduct Refractometry on a client who is:

- (a) Under the age of 19 years or over the age of 64 years;**
- (b) Over the age of 19 years and has not had an ocular examination since the age of 19:**
- (c) Subject to or has a history of any of the following:**
 - (i) Glaucoma, retinal detachment, macular degeneration**
 - (ii) A prescription for corrective lenses containing prisms;**
 - (iii) A prescription for corrective lenses containing refractive error exceeding plus or minus 8.00 dioptres**
 - (iv) Diabetes, hypertension;**
 - (v) Recent head trauma;**
 - (vi) Injury or pain to the eye occurring within the previous three months;**
 - (vii) Diplopia;**
 - (viii) Any other untreated condition, symptom or sign indicating a need for an eye health exam as set out in the standards of practice established by the college.**

Unless authorized by a prescriber who has conducted an ocular examination of the client, an optician must not dispense eyeglasses based on an assessment produced by an automated-refraction, and must recommend that the client obtain an ocular examination from a prescriber, where:

- (a) The assessment indicates that there is a change in refractive error exceeding:**
 - (i) Plus or minus 1.00 dioptres in either eye in a six-month period; or**
 - (ii) Plus or minus 2.00 dioptres in either eye since the most recent prescription, if any, provided by the client to the optician;**

- (b) The corrected visual acuity will be worse than 20/25 in either eye; or**
- (c) The client is not satisfied with the client's corrected visual acuity after two successive attempts by the optician to dispense eyeglasses based on an assessment produced by Refractometry**

An optician must, in relation to an assessment produced by an automated refraction,

- (a) Provide a copy to the client;**
- (b) Provide a copy to the client's prescriber, if requested by the client;**
- (c) Retain a copy until it may be disposed of in accordance with a bylaw made under section 19 (1) (y.1) of the Act.**

TEMPLATE 2

The legislature should support the concept of expanding the scope of practice for opticians and allow opticians to obtain a voluntary endorsement to their license that allows them to modify refractions, provided that:

- **the correction can be made to reach an acuity of at least 20/40**
- **that the cumulative change is not more than 2.00 diopters (and no more than 1.00 diopters at any one time)**
- **that children under 10 and persons over 64 cannot have a prescription modified**
- **that the original prescription not be more than 2 years old at time of modification (both glasses and contacts)**
- **and that refracting opticians provide a patient questionnaire and informed consent document, with signed copies returned to the original prescriber within 14 days, regardless of whether modification was performed or denied.**