

**645—182.3(154) Furnishing prescriptions.** Before a licensed optometrist provides a spectacle or contact lens prescription to a patient, the eye examination record shall include best-corrected visual acuity with ophthalmic lenses or contact lenses in the lens powers determined by refraction. Each contact lens or ophthalmic spectacle lens/eyeglass prescription by a licensed optometrist must meet the requirements as listed below:

**182.3(1)** A contact lens prescription shall contain the following information:

- a.* Date of issuance;
- b.* Name and address of patient for whom the contact lens or lenses are prescribed;
- c.* Name, address, and signature of the practitioner;
- d.* All parameters required to duplicate properly the original contact lens;
- e.* A specific date of expiration, not to exceed 18 months, the quantity of lenses allowed and the number of refills allowed; and
- f.* At the option of the prescribing practitioner, the prescription may contain fitting and material guidelines and specific instructions for use by the patient.

**182.3(2)** Release of contact lens prescription.

*a.* After the contact lenses have been adequately adapted and the patient released from initial follow-up care by the prescribing practitioner, the prescribing practitioner shall, upon request of the patient, provide a copy of the contact lens prescription, at no cost, for the duplication of the original contact lens.

*b.* A practitioner choosing to issue an oral prescription shall furnish the same information required for the written prescription except for the written signature and address of the practitioner. An oral prescription may be released by an O.D. to any dispensing person who is a licensed professional with the O.D., M.D., D.O., or R.Ph. degree or a person under direct supervision of those licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148, 154 or 155A.

*c.* The issuing of an oral prescription must be followed by a written copy to be kept by the dispenser of the contact lenses until the date of expiration.

**182.3(3)** An ophthalmic spectacle lens prescription shall contain the following information:

- a.* Date of issuance;
- b.* Name and address of the patient for whom the ophthalmic lens or lenses are prescribed;
- c.* Name, address, and signature of the practitioner issuing the prescription;
- d.* All parameters necessary to duplicate properly the ophthalmic lens prescription; and
- e.* A specific date of expiration not to exceed two years.
- f.* A dispenser of ophthalmic materials, in spectacle or eyeglass form, must keep a valid copy of the prescription on file for two years.

**182.3(4)** Release of ophthalmic lens prescription.

*a.* The ophthalmic lens prescription shall be furnished upon request at no additional charge to the patient.

*b.* The prescription, at the option of the prescriber, may contain adapting and material guidelines and may also contain specific instructions for use by the patient.

*c.* Spectacle lens prescriptions must be in written format, according to Iowa Code section 147.109(1).

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