

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.5557 Definitions; V.**

Sec. 5557. "Valid prescription" means 1 of the following, as applicable:

(a) For a contact lens, a written or electronic order by a licensee who has conducted an examination and evaluation of a patient and has determined a satisfactory fit for the contact lens based on an analysis of the physiological compatibility of the lens on the cornea and the physical fit and refractive functionality of the lens on the patient's eye. To be a valid prescription under this subdivision, it must include at least all of the following information:

- (i) A statement that the prescription is for a contact lens.
- (ii) The contact lens type or brand name, or for a private label contact lens, the name of the manufacturer, trade name of the private label brand, and, if applicable, trade name of the equivalent or similar brand.
- (iii) All specifications necessary to order and fabricate the contact lens, including power, material, base curve or appropriate designation, and diameter, if applicable.
- (iv) The quantity of contact lenses to be dispensed.
- (v) The number of refills.
- (vi) Specific wearing instructions and contact lens disposal parameters, if any.
- (vii) The patient's name.
- (viii) The date of the examination and evaluation.
- (ix) The date the prescription is originated.
- (x) The prescribing licensee's name, address, and telephone number.
- (xi) The prescribing licensee's written or electronic signature, or other form of authentication.
- (xii) An expiration date of not less than 1 year from the date of the examination and evaluation or a statement of the reasons why a shorter time is appropriate based on the medical needs of the patient.

(b) For spectacles, a written or electronic order by a licensee who has examined and evaluated a patient. To be a valid prescription under this subdivision, it must include at least all of the following information:

- (i) A statement that the prescription is for spectacles.
- (ii) As applicable and as specified for each eye, the lens power including the spherical power, cylindrical power including axis, prism, and power of the multifocal addition.
- (iii) Any special requirements, the omission of which would, in the opinion of the prescribing licensee, adversely affect the vision or ocular health of the patient. As used in this subparagraph, "special requirements" includes, but is not limited to, type of lens design, lens material, tint, or lens treatments.
- (iv) The patient's name.
- (v) The date of the examination and evaluation.
- (vi) The date the prescription is originated.
- (vii) The prescribing licensee's name, address, and telephone number.
- (viii) The prescribing licensee's written or electronic signature, or other form of authentication.
- (ix) An expiration date of not less than 1 year from the date of the examination and evaluation or a statement of the reasons why a shorter time is appropriate based on the medical needs of the patient.

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