

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 430-5 TREATMENT PLANS; PRESCRIPTION  
REQUIREMENTS, BOARD RULE 430-5-.02 CONTENTS OF  
PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTACT LENSES  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Rule 430-5-.02 Contents of Prescriptions for Contact Lenses**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Examiners In Optometry (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Board Rule Chapter 430-5 Treatment Plans; Prescription Requirements, Board Rule 430-5-.02 Contents Of Prescriptions For Contact Lenses (herein after “proposed rule(s)”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule(s), and a synopsis of the proposed rule(s) may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 3920 Arkwright Rd. Ste 195 Macon, GA 31210. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/page/optometry-board-rules>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule(s) at a public hearing to be held on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 10:15 a.m.**, via video teleconference. Please see the Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the proposed rule(s) may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **May 13, 2026**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Todd Zandrowicz, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Optometry, 3920 Arkwright Rd. Ste 195 Macon, GA 31210. Written comments may be submitted via email [Examboards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov](mailto:Examboards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov).

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on May 15, 2024, with a second review and vote to post on February 18, 2026. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule(s) does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any

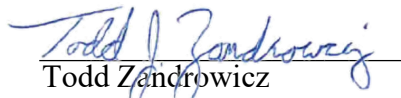
licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule(s) cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 31-12-12 and 43-30-5. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 31-12-12 and 43-30-5 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these proposed rule(s) will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the Optometry.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Optometry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule(s) pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 31-12-12 and 43-30-5.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 17th day of April, 2026.



Todd Zandrowicz  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: April 17, 2026

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER TREATMENT PLANS; PRESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS,  
BOARD RULE 430-5-.02 CONTENTS OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTACT LENSES**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed adoption is to amend the rule to reflect statutory updates.

**Rule 430-5-.02 Contents of Prescriptions for Contact Lenses and Spectacles**

- (1) A contact lens is any device placed on the anterior of the surface of the eye for refractive, cosmetic, diagnostic, or therapeutic purposes.
- (2) All parameters for fabrication of the lenses must be included.
- (3) Prescription for contact lenses shall clearly state an expiration date of not more than one (1) year past the date the lens specifications were determined and a date of less than one (1) year from the date the lens specifications were determined is permissible only when indicated by a patient's medical condition that affects the patient's vision or a refractive problem. No doctor of optometry shall ~~replace~~provide contact lenses from data, which is more than ~~three (3) years past the date the lens specifications were determined~~twenty-four (24) months old. ~~No doctor of optometry shall replace contact lens from data, which is more than three (3) years old, nor shall he/she provide the specifications, which would enable another provider to replace such lenses. He/She~~ They may provide such expired specifications to another licensed doctor of optometry, medicine, or doctor of osteopathy for the purpose of adding to a new data-base from which to determine new lens specifications.
- (4) Prescription for spectacles shall clearly state an expiration date of not more than two (2) years past the date the lens specifications were determined and a date of less than one (1) year from the date the spectacle specifications were determined is permissible only when indicated by a patient's medical condition that affects the patient's vision or a refractive problem. No doctor of optometry shall provide spectacles from data, which is more than twenty-four (24) months old. They may provide such expired specifications to another licensed doctor of optometry, medicine, or doctor of osteopathy for the purpose of adding to

a new database from which to determine new spectacle specifications.

**Statutory Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 31-12-12 and 43-30-5.**

**RULES**  
**OF**  
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