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CERTIFICATION POSTING WORKGROUP MEETING AGENDA
July 23, 2015
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
(or until conclusion of business)

California State Board of Optometry
2450 Del Paso Rd., Suite 105
Sacramento, CA 95834

ORDER OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
   Note: The workgroup may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting [Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a)].

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendment of California Code of Regulations Section 1506 – "Certificates Posting" to Include Certification Explanations After Optometrist License Number

4. Adjournment

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To: Workgroup Members

Date: July 23, 2015

From: Jessica Sieferman
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Subject: **Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting will be called to order and roll call of the workgroup members will be conducted.

Cyd Brandvein, Board Vice President, Public Member

Donna Burke, Public Member

David Turetsky, O.D., Professional Member

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Subject: **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment**

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To: Workgroup Members **Date:** July 23, 2014

From: Jessica Sieferman
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Subject: **Agenda Item 3 - Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendment of California Code of Regulations Section 1506 – "Certificates Posting" to Include Certification Explanations After Optometrist License Number**

Background

As previously reported, during the November 21, 2014 meeting, Dr. David Turetsky, O.D. requested the Board consider a consumer notice requirement (signage) that would educate consumers about the different certifications an optometrist can obtain and what the designations after the license number mean.

Then Board President, Dr. Alejandro Arredondo, asked Dr. Turetsky, Ms. Donna Burke, and Ms. Cyd Brandvein to work on the consumer notice. Dr. Turetsky and Ms. Burke met with then Executive Officer, Mona Maggio, for the workgroup's initial meeting; Ms. Brandvein was unavailable to participate at that time.

The workgroup reviewed and revised the fact sheet "What Do the Letters after an Optometrist's License Mean?" for clarity and added a category for optometrists with "No Designation" for the optometrists who continue to practice with no certifications.

The workgroup recommended the Consumer Notice become part of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1506, Certificates – Posting. Requiring at each office there shall be posted in a conspicuous place, next to the optometrist's posted license, a notice which shall clearly state the certification designations and definitions for the purpose of consumer education.

After discussing the consumer notice during the April 23-24, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board voted (9-Aye; 1-No) to send the notice back to the workgroup, make it more "user-friendly," and bring it back to a future Board meeting.

Action Requested

Please review, discuss, and amend the attached consumer notice previously prepared by the workgroup. In addition, please provide draft language amending CCR Section 1506 for Board consideration at a future Board meeting.

Attachment

1. Draft Consumer Notice- Designations After an Optometrist's License Number
2. CCR 1506 Certificates - Posting

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CONSUMER NOTICE

Designations After an Optometrist's Name

Certifications allow an optometrist to provide certain additional optometric procedures and services. Certifications are listed immediately to the right of the doctor's license number. The certification designations and their meanings are listed below.

TLG

The **TLG** designation indicates that, in addition to the optometric services described in the TPA section below, the optometrist is also certified to perform lacrimal irrigation and dilation procedures for patients over the age of 12 years and diagnose and treat primary open angle glaucoma in patients over the age of 18 years.

TPG

The **TPG** designation indicates that, in addition to the optometric services described in the TPA section below, the optometrist is also certified to diagnose and treat primary open angle glaucoma in patients over the age of 18 years.

TPL

The **TPL** designation indicates that, in addition to the optometric services described in the TPA section above, the optometrist is also certified to perform lacrimal irrigation and dilation procedures for patients over the age of 12 years.

TPA

TPA is the baseline for the scope of optometry in California. The TPA designation indicates that the optometrist is certified to use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents and the optometrist may treat certain conditions of the human eye, or any of its appendages, with therapeutic pharmaceutical agents. The optometrist may also perform certain procedures on the eye. The therapeutic pharmaceutical agents that may be prescribed, the conditions of the eye, and the authorized procedures are listed in California Business and Professions Code Section 3041.

DPA

The **DPA** designation indicates that the optometrist is certified to use diagnostic pharmaceutical agents for examination purposes only.

No Designation

An optometrist with no designation indicates he/she is licensed to conduct exams for the overall health of the eyes and screen for disease, but not treat. The also prescribe corrective lenses.

§1506. CERTIFICATES – POSTING

(a) A certificate of registration, i.e., original wall certificate, is an original certificate of registration and license to practice optometry in California granted by the Board to a natural person who has qualified for the same pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 7 of Division 2 of the Code and it may not be assigned or transferred to another person but shall; notwithstanding whether it is replaced by a certification of the issuance of a certificate of registration, i.e., duplicate wall certificate, as provided by subdivision (b) of this section; remain valid and in force unless it is revoked or suspended and not reinstated or it is expired and not renewed or restored.

(b) A certification of the issuance of a certificate of registration is a certification by the Board that the person named thereon to whom it is conveyed is the holder of the certificate of registration designated thereon and shall be issued to such person as prima facie evidence that such person is the holder of such certificate of registration designated thereon and to replace the same or a previous certification of the issuance of a certificate of registration issued to the same person, provided that: (1) There is furnished proof satisfactory to the Board of a change in name authorized by law of such person or of the loss of, destruction of or severe damage to such certificate of registration or previous certification of the issuance of such certificate of registration. (2) Such certificate of registration or previous certification of the issuance of such certificate of registration is, unless it is lost or destroyed, surrendered to the Board. (3) There is payment of the fee prescribed by Section 3152(h) of the code for the issuance of a certification of registration. (c) The principal place of practice of an optometrist shall be deemed by the Board to be that office, other than his/her branch office or offices, wherein he/she owns, singly or jointly with any others, the practice of optometry, provided however: (1) Where the optometrist does not own a practice, singly or jointly with any others, but practices optometry in a single office as an employee, that office shall be his/her principal place of practice. (2) Where the optometrist does not own a practice, singly or jointly with any others, but practices optometry in two or more offices as an employee, he/she shall inform the Board in writing as to which of such offices shall be deemed his/her principal place of practice.

(d) When the optometrist owns, singly or jointly with any others, the practice of optometry in more than one office or is employed to practice optometry in more than one office and it is infeasible to have his/her certificate posted in more than one of such offices, he/she shall have a numbered statement of licensure issued by the Board and signed by its executive officer conspicuously posted in each of such additional offices wherein he/she owns, singly or jointly with any others, the practice of optometry or wherein he/she practices optometry as an employee, provided that: (1) He/she shall first send a written request to the Board for such statement of licensure or statements of licensure and shall include in such request the exact location of the office wherein it or each of them is to be posted in lieu of his/her certificate. (2) He/she shall not have a statement of licensure posted in any office other than as authorized by such statement of licensure. (3) A statement of licensure shall not be altered or assigned. (4) A statement of licensure is to be immediately surrendered to the Board by the optometrist to whom it is issued upon the occurrence of any of the following: (A) His/her certificate becomes expired, is suspended or is revoked.

(B) He/she terminates ownership of the practice or his/her employment to practice optometry in the office wherein he/she is authorized by such statement of licensure to post the same in lieu of his/her certificate.
(C) The office wherein he/she is authorized by such statement of licensure to post the same becomes the only office wherein he/she has ownership of the practice and/or practices optometry as an employee.
Authority cited: Section 3025, Business and Professions Code

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Subject: **Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment**

Adjournment