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## NOTICE OF RULE MODIFICATION OF A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Optometry

RULE TYPE: Legislative

TITLE-SERIES: 14-14

RULE NAME: Eyelid Procedures

CITE AUTHORITY: WV Code, 30-1-26, 30-8A-1, et. seq. and  
30-8-1, et. seq.

The above proposed Legislative rules, following review by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee, is hereby modified as a result of review and comment by the Legislative Rule Making Review Committee. The attached modifications are filed with the Secretary of State.

**BY CHOOSING 'YES', I ATTEST THAT THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.**

Yes

**Pamela P Carper -- By my signature, I certify that I am the person authorized to file legislative rules, in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-3-11 and §39A-3-2.**

**TITLE 14**  
**LEGISLATIVE RULE**  
**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

**SERIES 14**  
**EYELID PROCEDURES**

**§14-14-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- This rule establishes certain eyelid procedures as included within the scope of practice of optometrists.

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-8-1 et. seq., W.Va. Code, 30-8-6, W.Va. Code 30-8-9.

1.3. Filing Date. --

1.4. Effective Date. --

1.5. Sunset Provision. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect on August 1, 2029.

**§14-14-2. Definitions.**

2.1. “Optometrist” means a person who practices optometry as defined in W. Va. Code §30-8-3.

2.2. “Ocular Adnexa” means the eyelids and structures adjacent to the eye.

2.3. “Malignant growth” means abnormal growth of tissue that may invade nearby tissue or spread to other parts of the body.

2.4 “Non-malignant growth” means abnormal growth of tissue that is unlikely to spread to other parts of the body, commonly referred to as benign.

**§14-14-3. Scope of Practice.**

3.1. The removal, biopsy, and treatment of non-malignant growths of the ocular adnexa shall be included in the description of the practice of optometry and shall be included in the definition of an optometrist’s scope of practice.

3.2. An optometrist shall adhere to generally accepted standards of care and follow established clinical guidelines for removal, biopsy, and treatment of abnormal tissue growth from the ocular adnexa. The optometrist shall monitor the patient for any adverse reaction and provide appropriate follow-up care.

3.3. If malignant growth is suspected or confirmed through biopsy, an optometrist shall take appropriate measures to promptly refer the patient to an appropriate specialist in the treatment of malignant growth.

3.4. This rule pertains strictly to the ocular adnexa and does not address procedures involving any other part of the eye or human body.