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RE: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act

To Whom it may concern;

As a frequent prescriber of specialty contact lenses, I would appreciate your comments on how to deal with non-disposable contacts under the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act.

There are many types of non-disposable contact lenses available that are custom designed and manufactured for each eye. The fitting process is somewhat like tailoring a suit; a selection is pulled from the rack and tried on. The fit is then either confirmed or adjusted until a satisfactory result is obtained.

With custom made contacts, it is necessary to purchase the lenses from the manufacturer in order to complete the fitting process. There are no free diagnostic lenses available as is the case with disposable lenses. The prescriber traditionally passes the cost on to the consumer but the Act now prohibits requiring the purchase of lenses as a condition of releasing the prescription.

How does the prescriber recoup the cost of these lenses without requiring that the patient purchase them?

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours Truly;

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