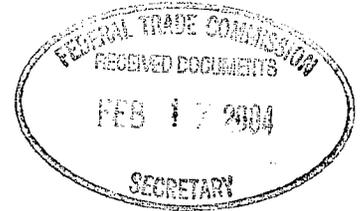


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February 10, 2004

**Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary,
Room 159-H, (Annex A)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20580**

Dear Sir(s),

In regard to 16 CFR Parts 315 and 456 we feel eight business hours is not an adequate amount of time to provide verification of a patient's prescription. We receive verification requests at all hours, and expeditiously try to verify them. However at times this may not be completed in the eight hour time limit, sixteen hours we feel is a more realistic time frame for verifying a prescription.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Slusher".

**Norman Slusher, MD
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CC: Texas Ophthalmological Association