

From: Kelli Sabiston
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2004 10:50 AM
To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Contact lens wearers Fairness Act

I am writing to voice my support for the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003. I have worn contact lenses since 1979 and have had a vast number of different experiences obtaining information that I consider to be MINE. I have always been able to acquire a copy of my contact lens prescription, but many time have had to "fight" for it. I've been told by doctors' offices that the prescription is their property & I have no claim to it. I countered with the argument that the prescription represents my own personal medical records & that it is my right to have that prescription so that I can fill it wherever I would like. It is the same situation with medicine prescriptions -- a doctor gives you a prescription and you have the freedom to fill it at a pharmacy of your choice. Another example is when you have x-rays taken -- those x-rays are the patient's property & the patient has a right to take those x-rays with him/her in order to see another MD, or whatever.

I buy my contacts from an online contact lens supplier for reasons that include convenience and low cost. Wearing corrective lenses is not a choice for me -- it's a lifetime requirement. Making things as convenient and cost-effective as possible are the only fair way to handle things.

Anyone who is against this Fairness Act is likely concerned more about profits & control than about eye health.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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