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To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Subject: Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sure the FTC recent ruling regarding the release of Contact Lens prescriptions was well meant. However, they have failed to understand that the word prescription is a misnomer. It should be optical measurements. This is what is basically involved when a practitioner is writing the "Rx".

Please understand that a medical prescription is filled by a pharmacist who has taken years of training to be licensed, and is knowledgeable of the medication. He or she knows what the medication can do, its after effects, its relationship with other medications, etc., and can give advise to questions from the patient. This is not true when any hired help is allowed to fill a contact lens "prescription".

Even more than that, a medical prescription is so precise, that any pharmacist must adhere to its exactness. In the case of Contact Lenses, only the practitioner who prescribed, knows the full details of how and why the CL was prescribed, their effect on the patient and what to do if there any adverse conditions crop up. A supplier without any of this information is merely a vender of materials without any knowledge whatsoever of preventive care.

How do you then feel that this release of CL prescription is in the best interest of the consumer? Practitioners like me are well trained and aware of the miseries that unsupervised contact lenses can cause to a patient.

I trust that this will throw some light, when you are making your decisions.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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