

## REVISED NOTICE

This revised notice is given by Mesheca C. Bunyon, O.D., President of the Maryland State Board of Examiners in Optometry (the “Board”), acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements” as amended and restated on June 19, 2020 by Order Number 20-06-19-01, as amended and restated on March 9, 2021 by Order Number 21-03-09-03.

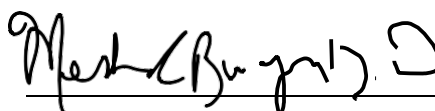
Maryland Code Annotated, Health Occupations Article, § 11-404.2, effective March 1, 2020, authorizes therapeutically certified optometrists to administer certain topical therapeutic pharmaceutical agents, administer certain oral pharmaceutical agents, and remove superficial foreign bodies from the human eye, *provided that* before July 1, 2020, a therapeutically certified optometrist demonstrates successful completion of a 10-hour course in advanced pharmacology with emphasis on the use of oral pharmaceutical agents in treating ocular diseases. The Board will suspend the “downgrading” of the licenses of current therapeutically certified optometrists who did not complete the 10-hour course by July 1, 2020 to “diagnostically certified optometrist” ***only until June 30, 2021.***

As clarification, a licensed optometrist is not authorized to perform the procedures that were added to the scope of practice of a therapeutically certified optometrist as of March 1, 2020 until the licensed optometrist has demonstrated to the Board successful completion of the 10-hour course.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until **June 30, 2021.**

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March 25, 2021

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