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## License Renewal Reminders

**1) Late fees-** Any license renewal applications received **on or after March 1, 2024 will result in a \$500 fine.** Your submission as soon as practicable allows our office in a timely manner to identify any errors and oversights, as well as any non-compliant Continuing Education credits.

**2) Continuing Education credits-** Submit your CE through the separate portal on the website under the “For Optometrists” tab called “Two Year CE Summary.” Depending upon the amount or size of the pdfs, you may have to do multiple submissions.

**3) New or additional practice locations-** DO NOT use the license renewal application to disclose for the first time a new primary location or additional practice location(s). Instead use the below links FIRST, and then submit your license renewal application.

[Request for address or location change - Nevada State Board of Optometry \(nvoptometry.org\)](https://nvoptometry.org)

[Request for Additional Practice Location - Nevada State Board of Optometry \(nvoptometry.org\)](https://nvoptometry.org)

**4) New graduates-** yes, you are required to submit CE for your license to be renewed. If you have NOT obtained your Optometric Pharmaceutical Agents Certificate (OPAC), the requirement is 40 hours. If you obtained your OPAC, the requirement is 50 hours and the preceptorship you completed can be applied to 30 of those 50 hours. When you submit your CE through the portal described in section two above, simply upload the letter you received from the Board granting you the OPAC as well.

**5) Business ownership percentage reporting requirements-** If you answer Yes to Question 13 (have you been provided a business license to offer optometric services), then note that Questions 14 and 15 are multi-pronged. The laws changed several years ago, and such reporting is now mandatory.

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## Insurance denials in violation of NRS 689A.0407

Our members are having problems with their patients’ insurance companies and/or pharmacies denying coverage for prescription eyedrop refills until a specified date. This presents an unacceptable risk for permanent vision loss to our patients.

We have coordinated with the Department of Insurance and Board of Pharmacy who are ready to investigate these denials of coverage, but our patients must make them aware in order to start the investigation.

Upon your prescription for topical ophthalmic products, we encourage your offices to hand out a copy of the below law to that patient, and refer them to the below links to file a complaint with the Department of Insurance and/or Board of Pharmacy should an unlawful denial occur.

### **NRS 689A.0407 Policy covering prescription drugs: Denial of coverage prohibited for early refills of otherwise covered topical ophthalmic products.**

1. An insurer who offers or issues a policy of health insurance which provides coverage for prescription drugs shall not deny coverage for a topical ophthalmic product which is otherwise approved for coverage by the insurer when the insured, pursuant to [NRS 639.2395](#), receives a refill of the product:

- (a) After 21 days or more but before 30 days after receiving any 30-day supply of the product;
- (b) After 42 days or more but before 60 days after receiving any 60-day supply of the product; or
- (c) After 63 days or more but before 90 days after receiving any 90-day supply of the product.

2. The provisions of this section do not affect any deductibles, copayments or coinsurance authorized or required pursuant to the policy of health insurance.

3. A policy of health insurance subject to the provisions of this chapter which provides coverage for prescription drugs and that is delivered, issued for delivery or renewed on or after January 1, 2016, has the legal effect of including the coverage required by this section, and any provision of the policy or renewal which is in conflict with this section is void.

4. As used in this section, “topical ophthalmic product” means a liquid prescription drug which is applied directly to the eye from a bottle or by means of a dropper.

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