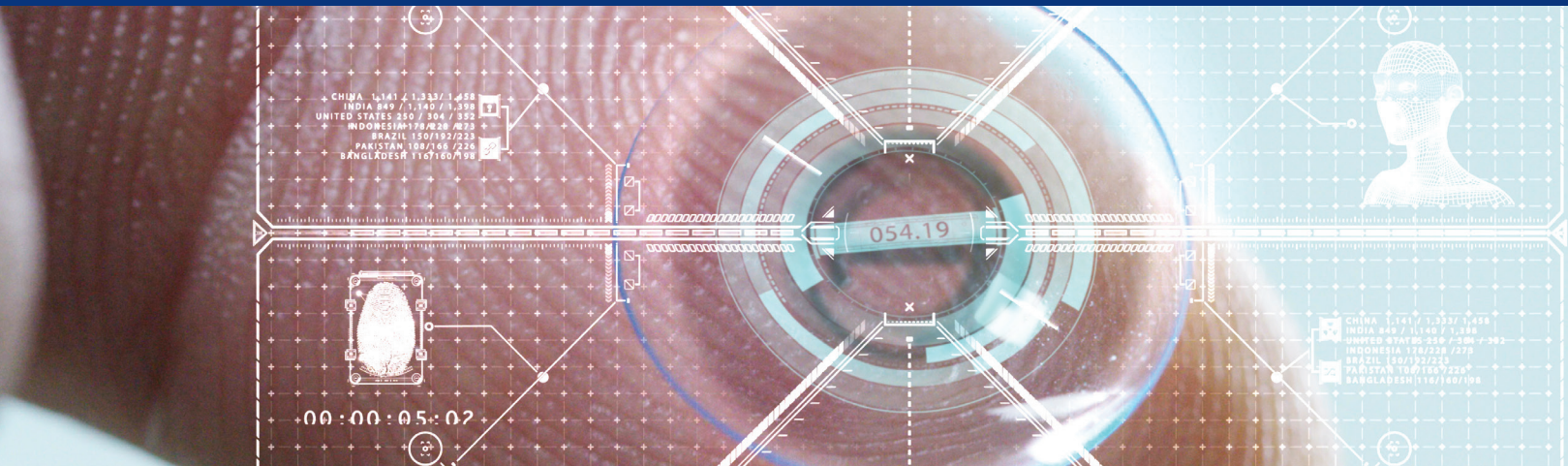


CONTACT LENS RULE UPDATES COMPLIANCE AND ADVOCACY CHECKLIST



Updates to the Contact Lens Rule will go into effect on October 16, 2020. Despite our ongoing efforts to stop this misguided rule, doctors must comply with new requirements on the implementation date and efforts should be undertaken now to prepare your staff and your practice. If we are successful in our efforts to stop or delay the Rule we will immediately notify membership.

ADVOCACY CHECKLIST

- Use AOA's Legislative Action Center or text FTCFix to 855-465-5124 to send an urgent message to your senators urging that they co-sponsor the Contact Lens Rule Modernization Act
- Ask your House of Representatives member to Help Make the Prescription Verification Process Simpler and Safer for Contact Lens Patients: <https://www.aoa.org/advocacy/federal/action-center>
- Report any Potentially Illegal or Inappropriate Contact Lens Sales or Retailer Practices to www.aoa.org/stopillegalCLs

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Know the Requirements and Choose Your Method of Compliance

Contact lens prescribers must document that they have provided a copy of the contact lens prescription to the patient. Doctors can utilize any method outlined below:

Digital Copy: Doctors can provide a digital copy of the prescription to the patient and retain documentation that the prescription was sent. The doctor must also obtain patient consent to send the prescription electronically.

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Patient Signs Prescription: Doctors can have patients sign the prescription itself and include language on the prescription noting that the prescription was received. The doctor would then need to keep a copy of the signed prescription.

Patient Signs Eye Exam Sales Receipt: Doctors can have patients sign their sales receipt for the examination and on the receipt include language that the prescription was received.

Patient Signs Separate Form: Doctors can have patients also choose to use a separate form that the patient signs acknowledging receipt of the prescription. The doctor is allowed to use whatever language he/she would like to on that form. Additional information/language can be included on the form.

□ Access Compliance Templates

Patient Signs Separate Form Option available at : <https://www.aoa.org/AOA/Documents/doctor%20resources/Contact-Lens-Rule-Compliance-Toolkit.pdf> (Page 8)

Patient Signs Prescription Option: Contact AOA Marketplace if interested in this product: 314.983.4167

If using the sales receipt option be sure to update receipt with new language. As an option, you can add “My doctor provided me with a copy of my contact lens prescription at the completion of my contact lens fitting.”

If using the electronic delivery option, check with your EHR vendor and ensure that you have an approach to obtain verifiable patient consent to send the prescription electronically. You must have the patient consent to receive the prescription in the manner that you intend to send it (e.g. text message, email, patient portal)

□ Educate Your Staff

Review the AOA webinar on updates to the FTC Contact Lens Rule on Eyelearn under “Advocacy”

Review the AOA Compliance Toolkit at: <https://www.aoa.org/AOA/Documents/doctor%20resources/Contact-Lens-Rule-Compliance-Toolkit.pdf>