

**Sec. 19a-14-51. Optician record retention**

For each client fitted with prescription eyeglasses or prescribed contact lenses, a licensed optician shall keep a record. When prescription items are dispensed by a registered apprentice optician, the supervising licensed optician must verify the accuracy of all the data included in the client record and indicate this on the record. A client record shall contain the following:

**(a) Prescription Eyewear**

Records shall include:

- (1) Doctor's prescription and date, including name of prescribing doctor;
- (2) Date of delivering said prescription, to include any duplication of existing lenses;
- (3) Facial measurements, to include but not be limited to: interpupillary measures; frame size determinations, including eye size, bridge size, temple length;
- (4) Name of frame provided; and
- (5) Lens description to include: lens materials; placement of optical centers; lens tint; and, when applicable, multifocal type and placement of multifocal.

**(b) Contact Lenses Prefit**

(1) Prefitting record shall include: date of client visit; doctor's written prescription; doctor's keratometric measures if such measures are provided, and such other measures or observations which are properly within the optician's scope of practice as defined by Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-139;

- (2) Any information which would contraindicate the fitting of contact lenses;
- (3) The date of the examining doctor's prescription;
- (4) A prefitting biomicroscopic record of the external eye made by the doctor, if such is provided; and
- (5) Any notice provided to the client regarding the length of time after which the prescription will not be refilled.

**(c) Contact Lens Dispensing**

Records on the dispensing of contact lenses shall include:

- (1) All particular lens parameters including manufacturer;
- (2) Date of client instruction in handling and hygiene;
- (3) Visual acuity recorded with dispensed contact lenses as obtained by use of a standardized snellen-type chart;
- (4) If performed, a summary of observations of the physical relationship between dispensed contact lens and cornea, including, but not limited to, biomicroscopic observations;
- (5) A recommended wearing schedule; and
- (6) A summary of recommended follow-up.

**(d) Contact Lens Follow-up**

Records of visits subsequent to the actual dispensing of contact lenses shall include:

- (1) Date of each visit;
- (2) Client's current wearing schedule;
- (3) Visual acuity recorded with dispensed contact lenses, obtained by use of a standardized snellen-type chart;
- (4) Date of next recommended visit; and

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(5) A description of any perceived changes in visual acuity or obvious anomalies, and a record of any report made to the client or prescribing doctor.

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