

PACE

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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OPTOMETRIST'S PRESCRIBING PRIVILEGES

On October 9, 1998, The Department of Health promulgated the amending of §6.1 of the regulations of the Department, 28 Pa. Code Chapter 6, to permit the prescribing of certain medications by optometrists certified to prescribe and administer pharmaceutical agents under §4.1 of the Optometric Practice and Licensure Act.

An updated list of these pharmaceuticals accompanies this Bulletin preceded with a brief explanation identifying the level of optometrist prescribing privileges.

PACE is distributing this list to assist PACE providers in correctly dispensing pharmaceuticals prescribed by optometrists.

Please note that PACE on-line edits DO NOT EXIST to deny payment for pharmaceuticals not appearing on this list. Moreover during a PACE audit, any pharmaceuticals paid by the Program that are not in compliance with the Department of Health's regulation governing both pharmaceuticals and prescribing privileges for optometrists must be disallowed.

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