

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

INSTRUCTIONS

WRITTEN EVIDENCE FROM COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY INJECTION

READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING

- **Laws and Regulations:** The Virginia [laws and regulations](#) pertaining to the practice of optometry are available for review.
- **Law related to written evidence requirement:** The Code of Virginia is amended effective July 1, 2018, to require written evidence of a didactic and clinical training course that includes training in administration of TPAs by injection prior to administering TPAs by injection. The [legislation](#) available for review.
- **Written evidence submission:** Written evidence may be submitted to the Board via email, fax or postal carrier directly from the source. Written evidence must be adequate for the Board to determine that the TPA-certified optometrist has completed a didactic and clinical training course provided by an accredited school or college of optometry that includes training in administration of TPAs by injection. A sample attestation form is provided below that may be used, but is not required.
- **Fee:** There are no fees associated with submission of the required written evidence.
- **Board Communication:** The Board will notify the licensee via email when the written evidence has been received.

ATTESTATION FROM COLLEGE OR SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THERAPEUTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY INJECTION

Full Name of Licensee of Virginia Board of Optometry (Please Print or Type)

Last:	First:	Middle Initial:
Virginia License Number:		

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Pursuant to § [54.1-3222\(B\)\(3\)](#) of the Code of Virginia, which states the following:

§ [54.1-3222](#). TPA certification; certification for treatment of diseases or abnormal conditions with therapeutic pharmaceutical agents (TPAs).

B. TPA certification shall enable an optometrist to prescribe and administer, within his scope of practice, Schedule II controlled substances consisting of hydrocodone in combination with acetaminophen and Schedules III through VI controlled substances and devices as set forth in the Drug Control Act (§ [54.1-3400](#) et seq.) to treat diseases and abnormal conditions of the human eye and its adnexa as determined by the Board, within the following conditions:

3. Administration of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents by injection shall be limited to the treatment of chalazia by means of injection of a steroid included in Schedule VI controlled substances as set forth in § [54.1-3455](#) of the Drug Control Act (§ [54.1-3400](#) et seq.). A TPA-certified optometrist shall provide written evidence to the Board that he has completed a didactic and clinical training course provided by an accredited school or college of optometry that includes training in administration of TPAs by injection prior to administering TPAs by injection pursuant to this subdivision.

I attest that _____, TPA-certified Optometrist, has completed a didactic and clinical training course provided by an accredited school or college of optometry that includes training in administration of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents by injection in order to qualify him/her pursuant to § [54.1-3222\(B\)\(3\)](#) to treat chalazia by means of injection of a steroid.

Signature of Dean or Program Director or Faculty Member Identify School or College of Optometry

Print Name