

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM THE

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

Amendments to Hawaii Revised Statutes chapter 459, Act 46, SLH 2004, became effective July 1, 2004. This would allow therapeutically certified optometrists licensed in this State to use or prescribe steroidal agents for the treatment and management of conditions of the anterior segment of the human eye, eyelids, and lacrimal system and to administer injectable agents for anaphylaxis only. Prohibitions against the use of oral agents, anti-fungal agents and treatment of glaucoma were repealed.

Therapeutic pharmaceutical agents means oral agents, topical solutions, suspensions, and ointments applied to the surface of the eye or adjoining tissues. Therapeutically certified optometrists are authorized to use and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents specifically formulated for ophthalmic use, as approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and with the exception of any controlled substance as defined in chapter 329, HRS.