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Mr. John C. Hair, Director
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Pennsylvania Department of Health
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RE: Comments of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association regarding the proposed rulemaking under 28 Pa. Code Chapter 6, Drugs which may be used by certain optometrists.

Dear Mr. Hair:

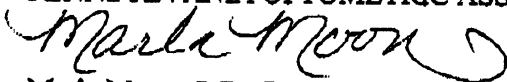
The Pennsylvania Optometric Association (POA) received notice that the Secretary of Health proposes to amend the list of drugs that may be used by certain optometrists as set forth in 28 Pa. Code §6.1. The POA is in full support of the Secretary adding levofloxacin, tramadol, pemirolast potassium, emedastine difumarate, azelastine hydrochloride and ketotifen fumarate as pharmaceutical agents to the approved drug products listed in the code.

The POA requests that the final form regulation and comment and response documents are forwarded to us, and that we continue to be kept apprised of all future correspondence relating to this matter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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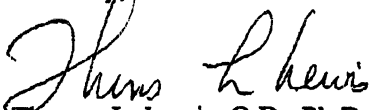
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The Pennsylvania College of Optometry received notice that the Secretary of Health proposed to amend the list of drugs that may be used by certain optometrists as set forth in 28 Pa. Code 6.1. The Pennsylvania College of Optometry is in full support of the Secretary adding levofloxacin, tramadol, pemirolast potassium, emedastine difumarate, azelastine hydrochloride and ketotifen fumarate as pharmaceutical agents to the approved drug products listed in the code.

The College can assure the Department of Health that optometrists in the Commonwealth are well prepared to use these medications safely and effectively.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Thomas L. Lewis, O.D., Ph.D.
President