

## Part 6 Scope of Practice

### **58-16a-601 Scope of practice.**

- (1) An optometrist may:
  - (a) provide optometric services not specifically prohibited under this chapter or division rules if the services are within the optometrist's training, skills, and scope of competence; and
  - (b) prescribe or administer pharmaceutical agents for the eye and its adnexa, including oral agents, subject to the following conditions:
    - (i) an optometrist may prescribe oral antibiotics for only eyelid related ocular conditions or diseases, and other ocular conditions or diseases specified by division rule; and
    - (ii) an optometrist may administer or prescribe a hydrocodone combination drug, or a Schedule III controlled substance, as defined in Section 58-37-4, only if:
      - (A) the substance is administered or prescribed for pain of the eye or adnexa;
      - (B) the substance is administered orally or topically or is prescribed for oral or topical use;
      - (C) the amount of the substance administered or prescribed does not exceed a 72-hour quantity; and
      - (D) if the substance is prescribed, the prescription does not include refills.
- (2) An optometrist may not:
  - (a) perform surgery, including laser surgery; or
  - (b) prescribe or administer a Schedule II controlled substance, as defined in Section 58-37-4, except for a hydrocodone combination drug, if so scheduled and prescribed or administered in accordance with Subsection (1)(b).
- (3) For purposes of Sections 31A-22-617 and 31A-22-618, an optometrist is a health care provider.

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