

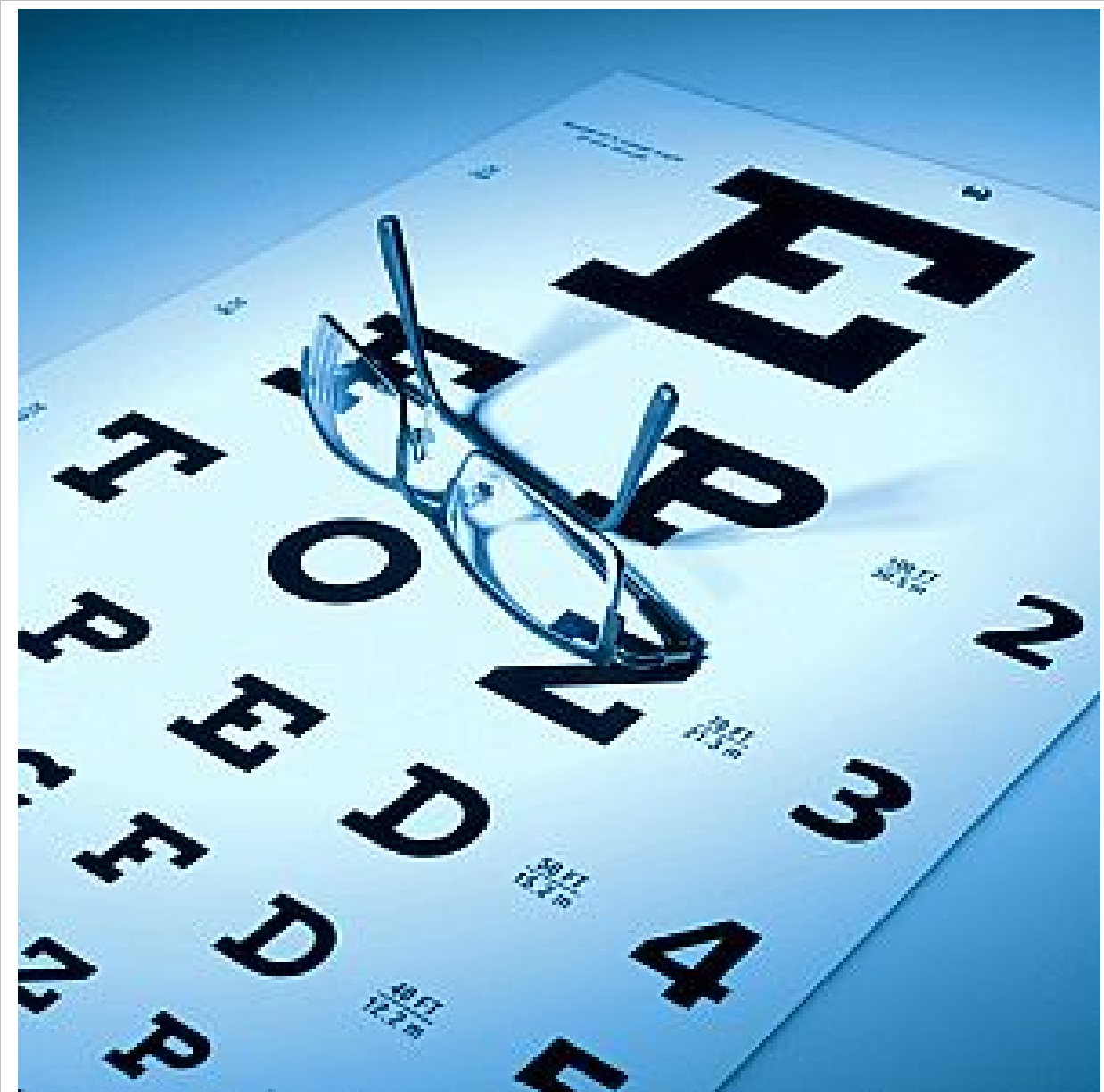
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INTRODUCTION

The California State Board of Optometry's mission is to serve the public and optometrists by promoting and enforcing laws and regulations, which protect the health and safety of California's consumers and to ensure high quality care.

In keeping with its mandate to protect the consumer of optometric services from the unsafe, incompetent and/or negligent optometrists, the Board of Optometry has adopted the following recommended guidelines for disciplinary orders and conditions of probation for violations of the Optometry Practice Act.

The Board's disciplinary guidelines were designed for use by Administrative Law Judges, attorneys from the Office of the Attorney General, licensees, Board staff and others involved in the Board's disciplinary process and are to be followed in all disciplinary actions involving the Board. The Board has the final authority over the disposition of its cases, and to complete its work, it utilizes the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

This manual includes factors to be considered in aggravation or mitigation, guidelines to be used by Administrative Law Judges for a violation(s) of specific statutes, and standard and specialty probationary terms and conditions.

If, at the time of hearing, the Administrative Law Judge finds that the Respondent for any reason is not capable of safe practice, the Board favors outright revocation of the license. If, however, the Respondent has demonstrated a capacity to practice optometry safely, a stayed revocation order with probation is recommended.

Suspension of a license may also be appropriate where the public may be better protected if the practice of the optometrist is suspended in order to correct deficiencies in skills, education, or personal rehabilitation.

The Board recognizes that these recommended penalties and conditions of probation are merely guidelines and that aggravating or mitigating circumstances and other factors may necessitate deviation from these guidelines in particular cases.

PUBLIC RECORD

It is the Board's policy that all letters of license denial, citations issued and final decisions will be published as a matter of public record and shall be available on the Internet, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 27.

COST RECOVERY

The Board seeks recovery of all investigative and prosecution costs in all disciplinary cases. The costs include all charges incurred from the Office of the Attorney General, the Division of Investigation, and Board services, including, but not limited to, expert consultant opinions and services, pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 125.3. The Board seeks recovery of these costs because the burden for payment of the costs of investigation and prosecution of disciplinary cases should fall upon those whose proven conduct required investigation and prosecution, not upon the profession as a whole.

PROBATION MONITORING PURPOSE

The purpose of the probation monitoring program is to maintain public protection by proactively monitoring probationers to ensure terms and conditions are met. The Board will work to:

- 1) Allow for the probationer's rehabilitation if that is his/her choice;
- 2) Allow the probationer an opportunity to practice in a professional manner with restrictions and guidance from a community support system and designated probation monitor to prevent future occurrences; and
- 3) Allow for education of the individual as to the responsibilities, requirements and professionalism mandated of an optometrist.

It is the policy of the Board that if a probationer is found to be in violation of any term of probation at any time during the probation period, the Board shall immediately be notified of the violation so that disciplinary action may be considered.

CITATIONS

The Board has the authority to issue citations and fines for violations of several sections of the Board of Optometry Practice Act and its regulations. Citations issued may include an order for abatement, a fine, or both. Citations are issued at the discretion of the Board. The issuance of a citation is separate from and may be in addition to any other administrative discipline, civil remedies, or criminal penalties. (California Code of Regulations section 1399.380(h)). Any prior citation may be used in future actions as aggravating evidence.

STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS

The Board will consider stipulated settlements to promote cost effectiveness and to expedite disciplinary decisions if such agreements are consistent with the Board's mandate.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

2011 Edition

EVIDENCE IN AGGRAVATION/MITIGATION OF DISCIPLINE

The following are examples of aggravating and mitigating circumstances which may be considered by Administrative Law Judges in providing for discipline in their proposed decisions:

EVIDENCE IN AGGRAVATION OF DISCIPLINE

1. Patient's trust, health, safety or well-being was jeopardized.
2. Patient's or employer's trust violated (e.g., theft, embezzlement, fraud).
3. History of prior discipline.
4. Patterned behavior: Respondent has a history of one or more violations or convictions related to the current violation(s).
5. Perjury on official Board forms.
6. Violent nature of crime or act.
7. Violation of Board Probation.
8. Failure to provide a specimen for testing in violation of terms and conditions of probation.
9. Commission of any crime against a minor, or while knowingly in the presence of, or while caring for, a minor.

EVIDENCE IN MITIGATION OF DISCIPLINE

1. Recognition by Respondent of his or her wrongdoing and demonstration of corrective action to prevent recurrence.
2. Respondent was forthcoming and reported violation or conviction to the Board.
3. A substantial amount of time since the violation or conviction occurred.
4. No prior criminal or disciplinary history.

**DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES SUMMARY FOR USE BY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES**

~~State of California Board of Optometry
Disciplinary Guidelines
and Model Disciplinary Orders
(May 1999)~~

To establish consistency in disciplinary ~~penalties~~ for similar offenses on a statewide basis, the Board of Optometry has adopted these uniform disciplinary guidelines for particular violations. This document, designed for use by administrative law judges, attorneys, optometrists and ultimately the Board, shall be revised from time to time following public hearing by the Board and will be disseminated to interested parties upon request.

~~This document is divided into three sections as follows: (1) Disciplinary guidelines for specific violations of the Optometry Practice Act and other related laws; (2) model language for use in crafting disciplinary orders; and (3) guidelines for the imposition and assessment of administrative fines and citations. The Board recognizes that these penalties and conditions of probation are merely guidelines and that mitigating or aggravating circumstances may necessitate variations in individual cases.~~

Additional copies of this document may be obtained by contacting the Board of Optometry at its offices in Sacramento, California. There may be a charge assessed sufficient to cover the cost of production and dissemination of copies. [In determining the appropriate discipline, consideration should be given to any mitigating or aggravating circumstances. All decisions shall include cost recovery in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 125.3.](#)

Disciplinary Guidelines

The Board recognizes that these penalties and conditions of probation are merely guidelines and that mitigating or aggravating circumstances may necessitate deviations. If there are deviations or omissions from the guidelines, the Board would request that the Administrative Law Judge hearing the matter include some statement of this in the Proposed Decision so that the circumstances can be better understood and evaluated by the Board upon review of the proposed decision and before its ultimate action is taken.

~~For purposes of this document terms and conditions of probation are divided into two general categories: (1) General Conditions which are those conditions of probation which will generally appear in all cases involving probation as a standard term and condition; and (2) Specific Conditions which are those that address the specific circumstances of the case and require discretion to be imposed depending on the nature and circumstances of a particular case. B&P refers to the California Business and Professions Code. CCR refers to the California Code of Regulations~~

**These guidelines are incorporated by reference in Section 1575 of
Division 15 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations**

§1575. UNIFORM STANDARDS RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES

1575. Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse and Disciplinary Guidelines

In reaching a decision on a disciplinary action under the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code Section 11400 et seq.), the Board of Optometry shall ~~consider the disciplinary guidelines entitled "Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders"~~ comply with the "Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abuse" and consider the Disciplinary Guidelines (DG-3 4, ~~5-99~~ 9-2011) which are hereby incorporated by reference. The Disciplinary Guidelines apply to all disciplinary matters; Uniform Standards apply to a substance abusing licensee.

(a) Notwithstanding subsection (b), ~~D~~ deviation from these disciplinary guidelines and orders, including the standard terms of probation, is appropriate where the Board in its sole discretion determines that the facts of the particular case warrant such a deviation for example: the presence of mitigating factors; the age of the case; evidentiary problems.

(b) If the conduct found to be a violation involves drugs and/or alcohol, the licensee shall be presumed to be a substance-abusing licensee for purposes of section 315 of the Code. If the licensee does not rebut that presumption, then the Uniform Standards for substance abusing licensees shall apply unless the licensee establishes that, in his or her particular case, appropriate public protection can be provided with modification or omission of a specific standard as a term of probation.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 3025 and 3090, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 11400.20 ~~and 11420.21~~, Government Code. Reference: Sections 315, 315.2, 315.4, 480, and 3090, 3091 and 3110, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 11400.20, ~~11400.21~~ and 11425.50(e), Government Code.

Uniform Standards for Those Licensees Whose License Is On Probation Due to a Substance Abuse Problem

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1441, the following standards shall be adhered to in all cases in which an optometrist's license is placed on probation due, in part, to substance abuse. These standards are not guidelines and shall be followed in all instances, except that the Board may impose more restrictive conditions if necessary to protect the public.

1. CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

If a clinical diagnostic evaluation is ordered, the following applies:

The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed practitioner who:

- holds a valid, unrestricted license, which includes scope of practice to conduct a clinical diagnostic evaluation;
- has three (3) years experience in providing evaluations of health professionals with substance abuse disorders; and,
- is approved by the Board.

The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable professional standards for conducting substance abuse clinical diagnostic evaluations. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall:

- set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee has a substance abuse problem;
- set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee is a threat to himself/herself or others; and,
- set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, recommendations for substance abuse treatment, practice restrictions, or other recommendations related to the licensee's rehabilitation and safe practice.

The evaluator shall not have a financial relationship, personal relationship, or business relationship with the licensee within the last five years. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation.

If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that a licensee is a threat to himself/herself or others, the evaluator shall notify the Board within 24 hours of such a determination.

For all evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the Board no later than ten (10) days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter unless the evaluator requests additional information to complete the evaluation, not to exceed 30 days.

2. REMOVAL FROM PRACTICE PENDING CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

The Board shall order the licensee to cease practice during the clinical diagnostic evaluation pending the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation and review by Board staff.

While awaiting the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation required in Uniform Standard #1, the licensee shall be randomly drug tested at least two (2) times per week.

After reviewing the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation, and the criteria below, a diversion or probation manager shall determine, whether or not the licensee is safe to return to either part-time or fulltime practice. However, no licensee shall return to practice until he or she has at least 30 days of negative drug tests.

- the license type;

- the documented length of sobriety/time that has elapsed since substance use;
- the scope, pattern of use, and history of drug/alcohol use;
- the treatment history;
- the licensee's medical history and current medical condition;
- the nature, duration and severity of substance abuse, and
- whether the licensee is a threat to himself/herself or the public.

3. BOARD COMMUNICATION WITH PROBATIONER'S EMPLOYER

The licensee shall provide to the Board the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of all employers and supervisors and shall give specific written consent that the licensee authorizes the Board and the employers and supervisors to communicate regarding the licensee's work status, performance, and monitoring.

4. DRUG TESTING STANDARDS

The following standards shall govern all aspects of testing required to determine abstinence from alcohol and drugs for any person whose license is placed on probation or in a diversion program due to substance use:

TESTING FREQUENCY SCHEDULE

A Board may order a licensee to drug test at anytime. Additionally, each licensee shall be tested RANDOMLY in accordance with the schedule below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Segment of Probation/Diversion</u>	<u>Minimum Range of Number of Random Tests</u>
<u>I</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>52-104 per year</u>
<u>II*</u>	<u>Year 2+</u>	<u>36-104 per year</u>

*The minimum range of 36-104 tests identified in level II is for the second year of probation and each year thereafter.

Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number of random tests for any reason. If the Board finds or suspects that a licensee has committed a violation of the Board's testing program or committed a Major Violation, as identified in Uniform Standard 10, the Board may reestablish the testing cycle by placing that licensee at the beginning of level I in addition to any other disciplinary action that may be pursued.

EXCEPTIONS TO TESTING FREQUENCY SCHEDULE

I. PREVIOUS TESTING/SOBRIETY

In cases where the Board has evidence that a licensee has participated in a treatment or monitoring program requiring random testing, prior to being subject to testing by the Board, the Board may give consideration to that testing in altering the testing frequency schedule so that it is equivalent to this standard.

II. VIOLATION(S) OUTSIDE OF EMPLOYMENT

An individual whose license is placed on probation for a single conviction or incident or two convictions or incidents, spanning greater than seven years from each other, where those violations did not occur at work or while on the licensee's way to work, where alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor, may bypass Level I and participate in Level II of the testing frequency schedule.

III. NOT EMPLOYED IN HEALTH CARE FIELD

The Board may reduce testing frequency to a minimum of 12 times per year for any person who is not practicing OR working in any health care field. If a reduced testing frequency schedule is established for this reason, a licensee shall notify and secure the approval of the Board. Prior to returning to any healthcare employment, the licensee shall be subject to Level I testing frequency for at least 60 days. At such time the person returns to employment, if the licensee has not previously met the standard, the licensee shall be subject to completing a full year at Level I of the testing frequency schedule, otherwise Level II testing shall be in effect.

IV. TOLLING

A Board may postpone all testing for any person whose probation is placed in a tolling status if the overall length of the probationary period is also tolled. A licensee shall notify the Board upon the licensee's return to California and shall be subject to testing as provided in this standard. If the licensee returns to employment in a health care field, and has not previously met the standard, the licensee shall be subject to completing a full year at Level I of the testing frequency schedule, otherwise Level II testing shall be in effect.

V. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER NOT DIAGNOSED

In cases where no current substance use disorder diagnosis is made, a lesser period of monitoring and toxicology screening may be adopted by the Board, but no less than 24 times per year.

OTHER DRUG STANDARDS

Drug testing may be required on any day, including weekends and holidays.

The scheduling of drug tests shall be done on a random basis, preferably by a computer program, so that a licensee can make no reasonable assumption of when he/she will be tested again. The Board should be prepared to report data to support back-to-back testing as well as, numerous different intervals of testing.

Licensees shall be required to make daily contact with the Board to determine if drug testing is required.

Licensees shall be drug tested on the date of notification as directed by the Board.

Specimen collectors must either be certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Specimen collectors must adhere to the current U.S. Department of Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.

Testing locations shall comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, regardless of the type of test administered.

Collection of specimens shall be observed.

Prior to vacation or absence, alternative drug testing location(s) must be approved by the Board.

Laboratories shall be certified and accredited by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A collection site must submit a specimen to the laboratory within one (1) business day of receipt. A chain of custody shall be used on all specimens. The laboratory shall process results and provide legally defensible test results within seven (7) days of receipt of the specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative test results within one (1) business day and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.

A Board may use other testing methods in place of, or to supplement biological fluid testing, if the alternate testing method is appropriate.

5. PARTICIPATION IN GROUP SUPPORT MEETINGS

When determining the frequency of required group meeting attendance, the Board shall give consideration to the following:

- recommendation of the clinical diagnostic evaluation pursuant to Uniform Standard #1;
- the licensee's history;
- the documented length of sobriety/time that has elapsed since substance use;
- the recommendation of the clinical evaluator;
- the scope and pattern of use;
- the licensee's treatment history; and,
- the nature, duration, and severity of substance abuse.

Group Meeting Facilitator Qualifications and Requirements:

1. The meeting facilitator must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse, and shall be licensed or certified by the state or other nationally certified organizations.
2. The meeting facilitator must not have had a financial relationship, personal relationship, or business relationship with the licensee in the last five (5) years.

3. The group meeting facilitator shall provide to the Board a signed document showing the licensee's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, the licensee's attendance, and the licensee's level of participation and progress.
4. The facilitator shall report any unexcused absence within 24 hours.

6. DETERMINING WHAT TREATMENT IS NECESSARY

In determining whether inpatient, outpatient, or other type of treatment is necessary, the Board shall consider the following criteria:

- license type;
- licensee's history;
- documented length of sobriety/time that has elapsed since substance abuse;
- scope and pattern of substance use;
- licensee's treatment history;
- licensee's medical history and current medical condition;
- nature, duration, severity of substance abuse, and
- threat to self or the public.

7. WORKSITE MONITOR REQUIREMENTS

If the Board determines that a worksite monitor is necessary for a particular licensee, the worksite monitor shall meet the following requirements to be considered for approval by the Board.

1. The worksite monitor shall not have any financial, personal, or a familial relationship with the licensee, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board. If it is impractical for anyone but the licensee's employer to serve as the worksite monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board; however, under no circumstances shall a licensee's worksite monitor be an employee of the licensee.
2. The worksite monitor's license shall include the scope of practice of the licensee that is being monitored or be another health care professional if no monitor with like practice is available.
3. The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license, with no disciplinary action within the last five (5) years.
4. The worksite monitor shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms and conditions of the licensee's disciplinary order and/or contract and agrees to monitor the licensee as set forth by the Board.

5. The worksite monitor must adhere to the following required methods of monitoring the licensee:
- a. Have face-to-face contact with the licensee in the work environment on a frequent basis as determined by the Board, at least once per week.
 - b. Interview other staff in the office regarding the licensee's behavior, if applicable.
 - c. Review the licensee's work attendance.

Reporting by the worksite monitor to the Board shall be as follows:

1. Any suspected substance abuse must be verbally reported to the Board and the licensee's employer within one (1) business day of occurrence. If occurrence is not during the Board's normal business hours the verbal report must be within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written report shall be submitted to the Board within 48 hours of occurrence.
2. The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by the Board. The report shall include:
 - the licensee's name;
 - license number;
 - worksite monitor's name and signature;
 - worksite monitor's license number;
 - worksite location(s);
 - dates licensee had face-to-face contact with monitor;
 - staff interviewed, if applicable;
 - attendance report;
 - any change in behavior and/or personal habits;
 - any indicators that can lead to suspected substance abuse.

The licensee shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the worksite monitor and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the worksite monitor.

8. PROCEDURE FOR POSITIVE TESTING

When a licensee tests positive for a banned substance:

1. The Board shall order the licensee to cease practice;
2. The Board shall contact the licensee and instruct the licensee to leave work; and
3. The Board shall notify the licensee's employer, if any, and worksite monitor, if any, that the licensee may not practice.

Thereafter, the Board will determine whether the positive drug test is in fact evidence of prohibited use. If so, proceed to Standard #9. If not, the Board shall immediately lift the cease practice order.

In determining whether the positive test is evidence of prohibited use, the Board will engage in the following, as applicable:

1. Consult the specimen collector and the laboratory;
2. Communicate with the licensee and/or any physician who is treating the licensee; and
3. Communicate with any treatment provider, including group facilitator(s).

9-10. MAJOR/MINOR VIOLATIONS & CONSEQUENCES

Major violations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Failure to complete a Board-ordered program or evaluation;
2. Committing two or more minor violations of probation;
3. Treating a patient while under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
4. Committing any drug or alcohol offense, or any other offense that may or may not be related to drugs or alcohol, that is a violation of the Business and Professions Code or state or federal law;
5. Failure to appear or provide a sample in accordance with the "biological fluid testing" term and condition;
6. Testing positive for a banned substance;
7. Knowingly using, making, altering or possessing any object or product in such a way as to defraud a drug test designed to detect the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
8. Failure to adhere to any suspension or restriction in practice.

Consequences of a major violations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Licensee will be ordered to cease practice.
 - a) the licensee must undergo a new clinical diagnostic evaluation (if applicable);
 - b) the licensee must test *negative* for a least a month of continuous drug testing before being allowed to practice.
2. Termination of a contract/agreement.
3. Referral for disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or other action as determined by the Board.

Minor violations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Failure to submit complete and required documentation in a timely manner;
2. Unexcused absence at required meetings;
3. Failure to contact a monitor as required;
4. Failure to submit cost recovery or monthly probation monitoring costs timely.
5. Any other violation that does not present a threat to the licensee or public.

Consequences of minor violations include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Removal from practice;
2. Practice limitations;
3. Required supervision;
4. Increased documentation;
5. Issuance of citation and fine or a warning notice;
6. Required re-evaluation/testing;
7. Other action as determined by the Board.

11. PETITION FOR RETURN TO PRACTICE

“Petition” as used in this standard is an informal request as opposed to a “Petition for Modification” under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The licensee shall meet the following criteria before submitting a request (petition) to return to full time practice:

1. Sustained compliance with current recovery program;
2. The ability to practice safely as evidenced by current work site reports, evaluations, and any other information relating to the licensee’s substance abuse; and
3. Negative drug screening reports for at least six (6) months, two (2) positive worksite monitor reports, and complete compliance with other terms and conditions of the program.

12. PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

“Petition for Reinstatement” as used in this standard is an informal request as opposed to a “Petition for Reinstatement” under the Administrative Procedure Act.

The licensee must meet the following criteria to request (petition) for a full and unrestricted license:

1. Sustained compliance with the terms of the disciplinary order, if applicable;
2. Successful completion of recovery program, if required;
3. A consistent and sustained participation in activities that promote and support recovery including, but not limited to, ongoing support meetings, therapy, counseling, relapse prevention plan, and community activities;
4. Ability to practice safely; and
5. Continuous sobriety for three (3) to five (5) years.

PROBATIONARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

MODEL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

Revocation-Single Cause

Certificate No. (Ex.: 12345) issued to fRespondent (Ex: John Smith. O.D.) is revoked. Cost Recovery in the amount of (Ex: 5,000) is due within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision or within a Board approved payment plan.

Revocation - Multiple Causes

Certificate No. ____ issued to fRespondent _____ is revoked pursuant to Determination of Issues (Ex: II. and III) separately and for all of them. Cost Recovery (if any) in the amount of (Ex: 5,000) is due within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision or within a Board approved payment plan.

Suspension - Single Cause

Certificate No. ___ issued to fRespondent _____ is suspended for a period of (Ex: 30-days/one year).

Suspension - Multiple Causes (run concurrently)

Certificate No. issued to fRespondent _____ is suspended pursuant to Determination of Issues _____, separately and for all of them. All suspensions shall run concurrently.

Suspension - Multiple Causes (run consecutively)

Certificate No. issued to fRespondent _____ is suspended (Ex: 30 days) pursuant to Determination of Issues . These suspensions shall run consecutively, for a total period of (Ex: 90-days).

Standard Stay Order

However (revocation/suspension) is stayed and fRespondent is placed on probation for (Ex: three) years upon the following terms and conditions:

MODEL PROBATIONARY ORDERS

The following introductory language is to be included in decisions that place the respondent's license on probation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that (INSERT APPROPRIATE LICENSE CATEGORY) Number (INSERT LICENSE NUMBER) issued to Respondent is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent's (INSERT LICENSE CATEGORY) is placed on probation for (INSERT NUMBER OF YEARS) years on the following conditions.

In order to provide clarity and consistency in its decisions, the following language should be used in proposed decisions or stipulated agreements for applicants, and for petitioners for reinstatement who are issued a license that is placed on probation.

Applicants who are placed on probation:

The application of respondent _____ for licensure is hereby granted. Upon successful completion of the licensure examination and all other licensing requirements including payment of all fees and evaluation of the application, a license shall be issued to respondent. Said license shall immediately be revoked, the order of revocation stayed and respondent's license placed on probation for a period of _____ years on the following conditions:

Reinstatement of licensure with conditions of probation:

The application of respondent _____ for reinstatement of licensure is hereby granted. A license shall be issued to respondent. Said license shall immediately be revoked, the order of revocation stayed and respondent's license placed on probation for a period of _____ years on the following conditions:

NOTE: If cost recovery was ordered in the revocation or surrender of a license and the cost recovery has not been paid in full by a petitioner, a probation condition requiring payment of the original cost recovery on a payment plan must be included in the reinstatement and decision.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS; ~~TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL CASES OF PROBATION~~

~~General Probationary Conditions~~

~~The five standard conditions of probation generally appearing in every case are as follows:-~~

A probationary term is generally issued for a period between 3 and 5 years, dependent upon whether any aggravating or mitigating factors exist. Standard conditions are imposed on each and every probationer regardless of cause for discipline. For applicants, Condition 8, Cost Recovery, does not apply.

- 1. Obey all laws ~~[26]~~
- 2. Submit Quarterly Reports
- ~~3. Tolling of probation if respondent moves out of state [28]~~
- ~~2.3. Cooperate With Probation surveillance [27]~~ Monitoring Program
- 4. Probation Monitoring Costs
- 5. Function as an Optometrist
- 6. Notice to Employer
- 7. Changes of Employment or Residence
- 8. Cost Recovery
- ~~15.~~ 9. Take and Pass California Laws and Regulations Re Licensure Examination(s)
- ~~13.~~ 10. Community Service ~~—Free Services~~
- 11. Valid License Status
- ~~28.~~ 12. Tolling of probation if respondent moves out of state for Out-Of-State Residence or Practice
- 13. License Surrender
- ~~5~~ 14. Violation of Probation

- ~~4.~~15. Completion of Probation-~~[30]~~
16. Sale or Closure of an Office and/or Practice

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order and all other applicants thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

26. 1. OBEY ALL LAWS

Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, governing the practice of optometry in California.

Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within 72 hours of any incident resulting in his/her arrest, or charges filed against, or a citation issued against Respondent.

CRIMINAL COURT ORDERS: If Respondent is under criminal court orders by any governmental agency, including probation or parole, and the orders are violated, this shall be deemed a violation of probation and may result in the filing of an accusation or petition to revoke probation or both.

OTHER BOARD OR REGULATORY AGENCY ORDERS: If Respondent is subject to any other disciplinary order from any other health-care related board or any professional licensing or certification regulatory agency in California or elsewhere, and violates any of the orders or conditions imposed by other agencies, this shall be deemed a violation of probation and may result in the filing of an accusation or petition to revoke probation or both.

2. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Respondent shall file quarterly reports of compliance under penalty of perjury to the probation monitor assigned by the Board. Quarterly report forms will be provided by the Board. Omission or falsification in any manner of any information on these reports shall constitute a violation of probation and shall result in the filing of an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation against Respondent's optometrist license. Respondent is responsible for contacting the Board to obtain additional forms if needed. Quarterly reports are due for each year of probation throughout the entire length of probation as follows:

- For the period covering January 1st through March 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between April 1st and April 7th.
- For the period covering April 1st through June 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between July 1st and July 7th.

- For the period covering July 1st through September 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between October 1st and October 7th.
- For the period covering October 1st through December 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between January 1st and January 7th.

Failure to submit complete and timely reports shall constitute a violation of probation.

~~27.~~ **3. COOPERATE WITH PROBATION** ~~surveillance~~ **MONITORING PROGRAM**

Respondent shall comply with ~~the board's probation surveillance program, including but not limited to allowing access to the probationer's optometric practice(s) and patient records upon request of the board or its agent.~~ the requirements of the Board's probation monitoring program, and shall, upon reasonable request, report or personally appear as directed.

Respondent shall claim all certified mail issued by the Board, respond to all notices of reasonable requests timely, and submit Reports, Identification Update reports or other reports similar in nature, as requested and directed by the Board or its representative.

Respondent is encouraged to contact the Board's Probation Program at any time he/she has a question or concern regarding his/her terms and conditions of probation.

Failure to appear for any scheduled meeting or examination, or cooperate with the requirements of the program, including timely submission of requested information, shall constitute a violation of probation and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation against Respondent's Optometrist license.

4. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS

All costs incurred for probation monitoring during the entire probation shall be paid by the Respondent. The monthly cost may be adjusted as expenses are reduced or increased. Respondent's failure to comply with all terms and conditions may also cause this amount to be increased. The fee for probation monitoring shall start at a minimum of \$100 per month.

All payments for costs are to be sent directly to the Board of Optometry and must be received by the date(s) specified. (Periods of tolling will not toll the probation monitoring costs incurred.)

If Respondent is unable to submit costs for any month, he/she shall be required, instead, to submit an explanation of why he/she is unable to submit the costs, and the date(s) he/she will be able to submit the costs, including payment amount(s). Supporting documentation and evidence of

why the Respondent is unable to make such payment(s) must accompany this submission.

Respondent understands that failure to submit costs timely is a violation of probation and submission of evidence demonstrating financial hardship does not preclude the Board from pursuing further disciplinary action. However, Respondent understands that by providing evidence and supporting documentation of financial hardship it may delay further disciplinary action.

In addition to any other disciplinary action taken by the Board, an unrestricted license will not be issued at the end of the probationary period and the optometrist license will not be renewed, until such time as all probation monitoring costs have been paid. The filing of bankruptcy by the Respondent shall not relieve the Respondent of his/her responsibility to reimburse the Board for costs incurred.

5. FUNCTION AS AN OPTOMETRIST

Respondent shall function as an optometrist for a minimum of 60 hours per month for the entire term of his/her probation period.

6. NOTICE TO EMPLOYER

Respondent shall provide to the Board the names, physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone number of all employers and supervisors and shall give specific, written consent that the licensee authorizes the Board and the employers and supervisors to communicate regarding the licensee's work status, performance, and monitoring. Monitoring includes, but is not limited to, any violation of any probationary term and condition.

Respondent shall be required to inform his/her employer, and each subsequent employer during the probation period, of the discipline imposed by this decision by providing his/her supervisor and director and all subsequent supervisors and directors with a copy of the decision and order, and the Accusation in this matter prior to the beginning of or returning to employment or within 14 days from each change in a supervisor or director.

The Respondent must ensure that the Board receives written confirmation from the employer that he/she is aware of the Discipline, on forms to be provided to the Respondent. The Respondent must ensure that all reports completed by the employer are submitted from the employer directly to the Board. Respondent is responsible for contacting the Board to obtain additional forms if needed.

7. CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENCE

Respondent shall notify the Board, and appointed probation monitor in writing, of any and all changes of employment, location, and address within 14 days of such change. This includes but is not limited to applying for employment, termination or resignation from employment, change in employment status, and change in supervisors, administrators or directors.

Respondent shall also notify his/her probation monitor AND the Board IN WRITING of any changes of residence or mailing address within 14 days. P.O. Boxes are accepted for mailing purposes; however the Respondent must also provide his/her physical residence address as well.

8. COST RECOVERY

Respondent shall pay to the Board a sum not to exceed the costs of the investigation and prosecution of this case. That sum shall be \$ _____ and shall be paid in full directly to the Board, in a Board approved payment plan, within 6 months from the end of the Probation term. Cost recovery will not be tolled.

If Respondent is unable to submit costs timely, he/she shall be required instead to submit an explanation of why he/she is unable to submit these costs in part or in entirety, and the date(s) he/she will be able to submit the costs, including payment amount(s). Supporting documentation and evidence of why the Respondent is unable to make such payment(s) must accompany this submission.

Respondent understands that failure to submit costs timely is a violation of probation and submission of evidence demonstrating financial hardship does not preclude the Board from pursuing further disciplinary action. However, Respondent understands that by providing evidence and supporting documentation of financial hardship may delay further disciplinary action.

Consideration to financial hardship will not be given should Respondent violate this term and condition, unless an unexpected AND unavoidable hardship is established from the date of this order to the date payment(s) is due. The filing of bankruptcy by the Respondent shall not relieve the Respondent of his/her responsibility to reimburse the Board for these costs.

15- 9. TAKE AND PASS CALIFORNIA LAWS AND REGULATIONS Re EXAMINATION

~~Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, or within some other time as prescribed in writing by the Board, respondent shall take and pass an oral or written exam, in a subject to be designated and administered by the Board or its designee. If respondent fails this examination, respondent must take and pass a re-examination as approved by the Board. The waiting period between repeat examinations shall be at six-month intervals until success is achieved. The respondent shall pay the cost of any such examination.~~

~~(Continue with either one of these two options.)~~

~~(OPTION #1: Condition Subsequent)~~

~~If respondent fails the first examination, respondent shall cease the practice of optometry until the re-examination has been successfully passed; as evidenced by written notice to respondent from the Board. Failure to pass the required examination no later than 100 days prior to the termination date of probation shall constitute a violation of probation.~~

~~(OPTION #2: Condition Precedent)~~

~~Respondent shall not practice optometry until respondent has passed the required examination and has been so notified by the Board in writing. Failure to pass the required examination no later than 100 days prior to the termination date of probation shall constitute a violation of probation. NOTE: The condition precedent option is particularly recommended in cases where respondent has been found to be grossly negligent or inefficient. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Decision, or within some other time as prescribed in writing by the Board, Respondent shall take and pass the California Laws and Regulations Examination (CLRE). If Respondent fails this examination, Respondent must take and pass a re-examination as approved by the Board. The waiting period between repeat examinations shall be at six month intervals until success is achieved. Respondent shall pay the established examination fees. If Respondent has not taken and passed the examination within twelve months from the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall be considered to be in violation of probation. Respondent shall not practice optometry until Respondent has passed the required examination and has been so notified by the Board in writing.~~

~~13.~~ **10. COMMUNITY SERVICES** ~~Free Services~~

~~Within 60 30 days of the effective date of this decision, rRespondent shall submit to the bBoard, for its prior approval, a community service program in which rRespondent shall provides free non-optometric or professional optometric services on a regular basis to a community or charitable facility or agency, for at least amounting to a minimum of _____ (Ex: 20) hours a per month for the first (Ex: 24) months of probation. Type of community service shall be at the Board's discretion depending on the violation. Such services shall begin no later than 15 days after respondent is notified of the approved program.~~

11. VALID LICENSE STATUS

~~Respondent shall maintain a current, active and valid license for the length of the probation period. Failure to pay all fees and meet CE requirements prior to his/her license expiration date shall constitute a violation of probation.~~

~~28.~~ **12. TOLLING of probation if respondent moves out of state** ~~FOR OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENCE OR PRACTICE~~

~~The period of probation shall not run during the time respondent is residing or practicing outside the jurisdiction of California. If, during probation, respondent moves out of the jurisdiction of California to reside or practice elsewhere, respondent is required to immediately notify the Board in writing of the date of departure, and the date of return, if any.~~

~~Periods of residency or practice outside California, whether the periods of residency or practice are temporary or permanent, will toll the probation period but will not toll the cost recovery requirement, nor the probation monitoring costs incurred. Travel outside of California for more than 30 days must be reported to the Board in writing prior to departure. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within 14 days, upon his/her return to California and prior to the commencement of any employment where representation as an optometrist is/was provided.~~

Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if Respondent's periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California total two years. However, Respondent's license shall not be cancelled as long as Respondent is residing and practicing in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.

13. LICENSE SURRENDER

During Respondent's term of probation, if he/she ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy any condition of probation, Respondent may surrender his/her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation. All costs incurred (i.e., Cost Recovery and Probation Monitoring) are due upon reinstatement.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a Disciplinary Action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

30-14. VIOLATION OF PROBATION

If ~~f~~Respondent violates any term of the probation in any respect, the Board, after giving ~~f~~Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is filed against ~~f~~Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction ~~until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended~~ until the matter is final. No petition for modification of discipline shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation or other discipline pending against Respondent.

2915. COMPLETION OF PROBATION

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's ~~certificate~~ license shall be fully restored.

16. SALE OR CLOSURE OF AN OFFICE AND/OR PRACTICE

If Respondent sells or closes his or her office after the imposition of administrative discipline, Respondent shall ensure the continuity of patient care and the transfer of patient records. Respondent shall also ensure that patients are refunded money for work/services not completed or provided, and shall not misrepresent to anyone the reason for the sale or closure of the office and/or practice. The provisions of this condition in no way authorize the practice of optometry by the Respondent during any period of license suspension.

STANDARD ALCOHOL/DRUG CONDITIONS

The following standards are in addition to standards 1-16 and apply to every licensee who is on probation for substance abuse, pursuant to SB1441 Uniform Standards.

~~8-17. Drugs & Abstain Abstention From Use of Controlled Substances/Alcohol~~

~~9. Drugs – Exception for Personal Illness~~

~~11. Alcohol – Abstain From Use~~

~~12-18. Biological Fluid Testing~~

~~8-17. Drugs & Abstain **ABSTENTION FROM USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/ALCOHOL** Respondent shall abstain completely from the personal use or possession of ~~controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined by Section 4211 of the Business and Professions Code or any drugs requiring a prescription.~~~~

~~NOTE: Also use Condition No.9 which exempts "use or possession" for personal illness. alcohol, any and all other mood altering drugs, substances and their associated paraphernalia, except when the drugs are lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner as part of a documented medical treatment.~~

~~Respondent shall execute a release authorizing the release of pharmacy and prescribing records as well as physical and mental health medical records. Respondent shall also provide information of treating physicians, counselors or any other treating professional as requested by the Board.~~

~~Respondent shall ensure that he/she is not in the presence of or in the same physical location as individuals who are using illegal substances, even if Respondent is not personally ingesting the drug(s). Any positive result that registers over the established laboratory cutoff level shall constitute a violation of probation and shall result in the filing of an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation against Respondent's optometric license. Respondent also understands and agrees that any positive result that registers over the established laboratory cutoff level shall be reported to each of Respondent's employers.~~

~~9. Drugs – Exception for Personal Illness~~

~~Orders forbidding respondent from personal use or possession of controlled substances or dangerous drugs do not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to respondent for a bona fide illness or condition by a licensed physician.~~

~~NOTE: Add this exception whenever Condition 8 is used.~~

~~11. Alcohol – Abstain From Use~~

~~Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of alcoholic beverages.~~

12.18. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING

~~Respondent, at his/her expense, shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's cost, upon the request of the Board or its designee.~~ participate in random testing, including but not limited to biological fluid testing (i.e. urine, blood, saliva), breathalyzer, hair follicle testing, or any drug screening program approved by the Board. The length of time shall be for the entire probation period. The Respondent will be randomly drug tested at the frequency outlined in Uniform Standards for Substance Abuse #4 (see page 7).

Respondent shall make daily contact to determine if he/she is required to submit a specimen for testing, including weekends and holidays, at a lab approved by the Board. Board representatives may also appear unannounced, at any time to collect a specimen. All collections will be observed.

At all times Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board or any of its representatives, and shall, when directed, appear for testing as requested and submit to such tests and samples for the detection of alcohol, narcotics, hypnotic, dangerous drugs or other controlled substances. All alternative testing sites, due to vacation or travel outside of California, must be approved by the Board prior to the vacation or travel.

If Respondent is unable to provide a specimen in a reasonable amount of time from the request, Respondent understands that, while at the work site, any Board representative may request from the supervisor, manager or director on duty to observe Respondent in a manner that does not interrupt or jeopardize patient care in any manner until such time Respondent provides a specimen acceptable to the Board.

If Respondent tests positive for a prohibited substance per his/her probationary order, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended. The Board will contact the Respondent and his/her employers, supervisors, managers, work site monitors, and contractors and notify them that Respondent's license has been suspended as a result of a positive test. Thereafter, the Board may contact the specimen collector, laboratory, Respondent, treating physician, treatment provider and support group facilitators to determine whether the positive test is in fact evidence of prohibited use. If the Board determines the positive test is not evidence of prohibited use, the Board shall immediately reinstate the license and inform the Respondent and others previously contacted, that the license is no longer suspended.

Failure to submit to testing on the day requested, or appear as requested by any Board representative for testing, as directed, shall constitute a violation of probation and shall result in the filing of an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation against Respondent's optometrist license.

OPTIONAL CONDITIONS

The conditions imposed are dependent upon the violation(s) committed.

- 19. Participate in Group Support Meeting
- (SB 1441, #6) 20. Notice to Patients
- (SB 1441, #7) 21. Alcohol and Drug Treatment
- ~~12.~~22. Worksite Monitor
- 23. Direct Supervision
- ~~14.~~24. Remedial Education Course
- ~~7.~~25. Actual Suspension
- 26. Employment Limitations
- ~~17.~~27. Psychotherapy or Counseling Program
- (SB 1441, #1) ~~16.~~28. Psychiatric or Psychological Mental Health Evaluation
- ~~18.~~29. Medical Health Evaluation
- ~~19.~~30. Medical Treatment
- 31. Restitution
- 32. Monitor Billing System & Audit
- ~~10.~~33. Lens Prescriptions – Maintain Records
- ~~21.~~ Third Party Presence. Sexual Transgressions
- ~~22.~~34. Restricted Practice – Incompetence
- ~~24.~~35. Restrictions as to Branch Offices
- ~~25.~~36. Restrictions as to Advertisement
- 37. Take and Pass NBEO Exams
- 38. Continuing Education

19. PARTICIPATE IN GROUP SUPPORT MEETING

Respondent shall attend at least one (1), 12-step recovery meeting or equivalent during each week of probation, as approved or directed by the Board. Respondent shall submit dated and signed documentation confirming such attendance to the Board during the entire period of probation

20. NOTICE TO PATIENTS

During the period of probation, Respondent shall post a notice in a prominent place in his/her office that is conspicuous and readable to the public. The notice shall state the Respondent's Optometric license is on probation and shall contain the telephone number the State Board of Optometry. Respondent shall also post a notice containing this information prominently on any website related to his/her practice of Optometry. The notice described above shall be approved by the Board within 30 days of the effective date of this decision.

~~**23. Drug, Alcohol, or Other Chemical Abuse Counseling and Treatment**~~

~~Within 15 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit the name, business address and business telephone number of three persons who are professionally qualified to provide counseling and treatment for drug, alcohol or other chemical abuse appropriate to the case. Thereafter the Board through its staff shall select one of these persons to provide the necessary counseling and treatment. Within 30 days of written notification of this selection to the respondent the respondent shall, in consultation with this counselor and treating professional, prepare and submit to the Board for its~~

~~approval, a counseling and treatment program all costs of which shall be paid by the respondent. Respondent shall successfully complete this counseling and treatment program as a condition of probation.~~

21. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT

Respondent, at his/her expense, shall successfully complete a treatment regime at a recognized and established program in California of at least six months duration and approved by the Board. The treatment program shall be successfully completed within the first nine months of probation. The program director, psychiatrist, or psychologist shall confirm that Respondent has complied with the requirement of this decision and shall notify the Board immediately if he/she believes the Respondent cannot safely practice. Respondent shall sign a release allowing the program to release to the Board all information the Board deems relevant.

Respondent shall inform the program director, psychiatrist or psychologist, of his/her probationary status with the Board, and shall cause that individual to submit monthly reports to the Board providing information concerning Respondent's progress and prognosis. Such reports shall include results of biological fluid testing.

Positive results shall be reported immediately to the Board and may be used in administrative discipline.

~~20.~~ **22. WORKSITE MONITORING**

Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, ~~f~~R Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval a plan of practice in which ~~f~~R Respondent's practice shall be monitored by another optometrist, who shall provide periodic reports to the Board. Any cost for such monitoring shall be paid by ~~f~~R Respondent.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, ~~f~~R Respondent shall, within 15 days, move to have a new monitor appointed, through nomination by ~~f~~R Respondent and approval by the Board.

The worksite monitor shall not have any financial, personal, or familial relationship with the Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board. If it is impractical for anyone but the licensee's employer to serve as the worksite monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board; however, under no circumstances shall a licensee's worksite monitor be an employee of the licensee.

The worksite monitor's license scope of practice shall include the scope of practice of the Respondent that is being monitored or be another health care professional if no monitor with like practice is available. The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license, with no disciplinary action within the last five (5) years.

The worksite monitor shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms and conditions of the licensee's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor the licensee as set forth by the Board.

The worksite monitor must adhere to the following required methods of monitoring the licensee:

- a) Have face-to-face contact with the licensee in the work environment on a frequent basis as determined by the Board, at least once per week.
- b) Interview other staff in the office regarding the licensee's behavior, if applicable.
- c) Review the licensee's work attendance.

Any suspected substance abuse must be verbally reported to the Board and the licensee's employer within one (1) business day of occurrence. If occurrence is not during the Board's normal business hours the verbal report must be within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written report shall be submitted to the Board within 48 hours of occurrence.

The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by the Board. The report shall include:

1. the licensee's name;
2. license number;
3. worksite monitor's name and signature;
4. worksite monitor's license number;
5. worksite location(s);
6. dates licensee had face-to-face contact with monitor;
7. staff interviewed, if applicable;
8. attendance report;
9. any change in behavior and/or personal habits;
10. any indicators that can lead to suspected substance abuse.

The licensee shall complete the required consent forms and sign an agreement with the worksite monitor and the Board to allow the Board to communicate with the worksite monitor.

~~(OPTIONAL)~~

~~Respondent is prohibited from engaging in solo practice.~~

Quarterly Reports of Performance are due for each year of probation and the entire length of probation from the worksite monitor as follows:

- For the period covering January 1st through March 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between April 1st and April 7th.
- For the period covering April 1st through June 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between July 1st and July 7th.
- For the period covering July 1st through September 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between October 1st and October 7th.

- For the period covering October 1st through December 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between January 1st and January 7th.

Respondent is ultimately responsible for ensuring his/her worksite monitor submits complete and timely reports. Failure to ensure his/her worksite monitor submits complete and timely reports shall constitute a violation of probation.

23. DIRECT SUPERVISION

During the period of probation, Respondent shall be under the direct supervision of a person holding a current and valid un-restricted Board-issued license. "Direct supervision" means assigned to an optometrist who is on duty and immediately available in the assigned patient area. The Board shall be informed in writing of and approve the level of supervision provided to the Respondent while he/she is functioning as a licensed optometrist. The appropriate level of supervision must be approved by the Board prior to engaging in practice.

Supervisor Quarterly Reports of Performance are due for each year of probation and the entire length of probation from each employer, as follows:

- For the period covering January 1st through March 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between April 1st and April 7th.
- For the period covering April 1st through June 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between July 1st and July 7th.
- For the period covering July 1st through September 30th, reports are to be completed and submitted between October 1st and October 7th.
- For the period covering October 1st through December 31st, reports are to be completed and submitted between January 1st and January 7th.

Respondent is ultimately responsible for ensuring his/her supervisor submits complete and timely reports. Failure to ensure each supervisor submits complete and timely reports shall constitute a violation of probation.

14. 24. REMEDIAL EDUCATION-Course

~~Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval an educational program or course to be designated by the Board, which shall not be less than 40 hours per year, for each year of probation. This program shall be in addition to the Continuing Optometric Education requirements for re-licensure, and shall be obtained with all costs being paid by respondent. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide written proof of attendance in such course or courses as are approved by the Board.~~

Respondent shall take and successfully complete the equivalency of (Ex: 16) semester units in each of the following areas **pertaining to the practice of Optometry**: (Ex: eye disease, when to refer, contact lenses). All course work shall be taken at the graduate level at an accredited or approved educational institution that offers a qualifying degree for licensure as an optometrist, or through a course approved by the Board. Classroom attendance must be specifically required. Course content shall be pertinent to the violation and all course work must be completed within one year from the effective date of this Decision. Successful completion is a grade of "C" or "70%" or better for any completed course.

Within 90 days of the effective date of the decision Respondent shall submit a plan for prior Board approval for meeting these educational requirements. All costs of the course work shall be paid by the Respondent. Units obtained for an approved course shall not be used for continuing education units required for renewal of licensure.

~~7-~~**25. Actual-SUSPENSION**

As part of probation, ~~f~~R Respondent ~~is~~ shall be suspended from the practice of optometry for a period of _____ (Ex: 90 days) beginning the effective date of this decision. If not employed as an optometrist or if currently on any other type of leave from employment, the suspension shall be served once employment has been established or reestablished and prior to the end of the probationary period. Respondent shall ensure that each employer informs the Board, in writing, that it is aware of the dates of suspension.

26. EMPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of optometrists. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising technicians and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of optometry or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only in a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a "float" capacity.

~~17-~~**27. PSYCHOTHERAPY OR COUNSELING PROGRAM**

Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, ~~f~~R Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychotherapist of ~~f~~R Respondent's choice. Upon approval, ~~f~~R Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment, at ~~f~~R Respondent 's cost, until ~~the Board deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.~~ such time as the Board releases him/her from this requirement and only upon the recommendation of the counselor. Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the Board. The Board may require ~~f~~R Respondent to

undergo psychiatric or psychological evaluations by a Board-appointed psychiatrist or psychologist.

NOTE: This condition is for those cases where the evidence demonstrates that the Respondent has had impairment (~~impairment by~~ mental illness, alcohol abuse and drug abuse) related to the violations but is not at present a danger to patients.

~~16~~**28. Psychiatric or Psychological-MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION**

~~Respondent shall~~, within 30 days of the effective date of this ~~d~~**D**ecision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, ~~respondent shall undergo a psychiatric or psychological evaluation (and psychological testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed psychiatrist or psychologist, at respondent's cost, who shall furnish a psychiatric or psychological report to the Board or its designee. If respondent is required by the Board or its designee to undergo psychiatric or psychological treatment, respondent shall within 30 days of the requirement notice submit to the Board for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychiatrist or psychologist of respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating psychiatrist or psychologist, respondent shall undergo and continue psychiatric or psychological treatment, at respondent's cost, until further notice from the Board. Respondent shall have the treating psychiatrist or psychologist submit quarterly status reports to the Board. (OPTIONAL) Respondent shall not engage in the practice of optometry until notified by the Board of its determination that respondent is mentally fit to practice safely. NOTE: This condition is for those cases where the evidence demonstrates that mental illness or disability was a contributing cause of the violations.~~ have a mental health examination, including psychological testing as appropriate, to determine his/her capability to perform the duties of an optometrist. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board and will be at Respondent's cost.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 30-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant, documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted.

~~18~~**29. MEDICAL HEALTH EVALUATION**

Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo a medical evaluation, at Respondent's cost, by a Board-appointed physician who shall furnish a medical report to the Board or its designee.

If Respondent is required by the Board or its designee to undergo medical treatment, Respondent shall within 30 days of the requirement notice submit to the Board for its prior approval the name and qualification of a physician of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician, Respondent shall undergo and continue medical treatment, at Respondent's cost, until further notice from the Board. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly reports to the Board.

(OPTIONAL)

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of optometry until notified by the Board of its determination that Respondent is medically fit to practice safely.

NOTE: This condition is for those cases where the evidence demonstrates that medical illness or disability was a contributing cause of the violations.

~~19.~~ 30. MEDICAL TREATMENT

Within 60 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a physician of Respondent's choice. Upon approval, Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment, at respondent's cost, until the Board deems that no further medical treatment is necessary. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly status reports to the Board. The Board may require Respondent to undergo periodic medical evaluations by a Board-appointed approved physician.

~~NOTE: This condition is for those cases where there is evidence that medical illness or disability was a contributing cause of the violations but the respondent is not at present a danger to his patients.~~

31. RESTITUTION

Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall provide proof to the Board or its designee of restitution in the amount of \$ _____ paid to _____.

32. AUDIT REQUIRED

The Board may require audits of patient visits, billings and payments as a condition of probation.

Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board or its designee the names and qualifications of three third party auditors. The Board or its designee shall select one of the three auditors to audit Respondent's billings. During said audit, randomly selected client billing records shall be reviewed in accordance with accepted auditing/accounting standards and practices. If requested by the Board, the Board shall be advised of the results of the audit, and may obtain any and all copies of any documents audited or the results of the audit, upon request. The cost of the audits shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to pay for the audits in a timely fashion or failure to provide the Board with the audit results and/or copies of the audited records within ten (10) days from audit completion shall constitute a violation of probation.

~~10.~~**33. LENS PRESCRIPTIONS - MAINTAIN RECORDS**

Respondent shall maintain a record of all lens prescriptions dispensed or administered by Respondent during probation, showing all the following:

1. name and address of the patient;
2. date;
3. price of the services and goods involved in the prescription;
4. visual impairment identified for which the prescription was furnished.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, and shall make them available for inspection and copying by the Board or its designee, upon request.

~~21. Third Party Presence. Sexual Transgressions~~

~~During probation, respondent shall have a third party present while examining or treating female/male/minor/patients. The third party individual or individuals authorized for this purpose may be subject to approval by the Board or its designee. Any costs incurred for compliance with this term shall be paid by the respondent.~~

~~NOTE: Sexual transgressors should normally be placed in a monitoring environment.~~

~~22.~~**34. RESTRICTED PRACTICE-~~IN~~COMPETENCE**

During probation, Respondent is prohibited from practicing (Ex. Specified optometric procedures).

~~24.~~**35. RESTRICTION ~~AS TO~~ ON BRANCH OFFICES**

During the period of probation, ~~the~~ Respondent shall be restricted as to the number and location of branch offices that the Respondent may operate or in which the Respondent may have any proprietary interest as designated and approved in writing by the Board.

~~25.~~**36. RESTRICTIONS ~~AS TO~~ ON ADVERTISEMENTS**

During the entire period of probation, the Respondent shall, prior to any publication or public dissemination, submit any and all advertisement of professional services in the field of optometry to the Board for its prior approval. Such advertisement may be published or disseminated to the public only after written approval by the Board.

37. TAKE AND PASS NBEO EXAM

Respondent shall take and pass part(s) _____ of the National Board of Examiners of Optometry (NBEO). Respondent shall pay the established examination fees. If Respondent has not taken and passed the examination within twelve months from the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall be considered to be in violation of probation.

38. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval an educational program or course to be in

areas of _____ (Eg., practice management, retinal disease, drug/alcohol addiction). The education program or course(s) shall consist of a minimum of four (4) hours for each practice area.

This program or course shall be in addition to the Continuing Optometric Education requirements for renewal, and shall be obtained with all costs being paid by the Respondent. Following completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide written proof of attendance in such course or courses approved by the Board.

RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE BASED ON VIOLATION

~~Specific Probationary Conditions~~

The following is an attempt to provide information regarding violations of statutes and regulations under the jurisdiction of the California State Board of Optometry and the appropriate range of penalties for each violation. Each discipline listed corresponds with a number under the chapters:

- Probationary Terms and Condition – Standard Terms and Conditions;
- Standard Alcohol/Drug Conditions; and
- Optional Conditions

Examples are given for illustrative purposes, but no attempt is made to list all possible violations. Optional conditions listed are those the Board deems most appropriate for the particular violation.

Excessive Prescribing (B&P Code sec. 725).

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Revocation~~

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 33. Lens Prescription- Maintain ~~r~~Records ~~of prescription for review~~ [10]~~

If Warranted:

~~2. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~3. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~4. If warranted, 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~5. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

38. Continuing Education

Violation of Prescription Standards: Information Required_(B&P Code sec. 3025.5; 3041; Title 16 CCR sec. 1565)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty-Discipline~~: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 33. Maintain rRecords of prescription for review [10]~~

If Warranted:

~~2. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~3. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~4. If warranted, 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~5. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

38. Continuing Education

Excessive Prescribing or Treatments (B&P Code sec. 725; 3110(n); 3110 (o))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty-Discipline~~: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

33. Lens Prescriptions – Maintain Records

38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

~~1. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~2. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~3. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~4. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

Sexual Misconduct (B&P Code sec. 726)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty-Discipline~~: ~~Stayed Revocation, at least 3 years probation~~ Revocation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

~~1. Psychiatric or psychological evaluation [16][17]~~

~~2. Education course [14]~~

~~3. Require third party present [21]~~

~~4. If warranted, Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, Monitoring [20]~~

Mental or Physical Fitness (B&P Code sec. 820; ~~3097~~)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty-Discipline~~: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~3. If warranted, 28. Psychiatric or psychological Mental Health eEvaluation [16][17]~~

If Warranted:

25. Suspension

~~1. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

~~2. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

27. Psychotherapy or Counseling Program

~~4. If warranted, 29. Medical eEvaluation [18][19]~~

30. Medical Treatment

Gross Negligence & Inefficiency (B&P Code sec. ~~3090~~ 3110 (b); Title 16 CCR sec. 1510)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. Re-examination [15]~~

~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

If Warranted:

23. Direct Supervision

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

26. Employment Limitations

~~3. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

31. Restitution

36. Restrictions on Advertisements

37. Take and Pass NBEO Exam

Failure to Refer Patient (B&P Code sec. ~~3109~~ 3110(y); 3041)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. Re-examination [15]~~

38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~3. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

26. Employment Limitations

~~Ophthalmic Devices; Violation of Quality Standards for Prescription~~

Ophthalmic Devices (B&P Code sec. 2541.3; Title 16 CCR sec. 1519)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. Reexamination [15]~~

~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

37. Take and Pass NBEO Exam

Violation of ~~Sanitary~~ Health and Safety Standards (B&P Code sec. 3025.5; Title 16 CCR sec. 1520)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. Reexamination [15]~~

38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~

~~3. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

Failure to Follow Infection Control Guidelines (B&P Code sec. 3110(w))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

22. Worksite Monitor

38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

23. Direct Supervision

24. Remedial Education

25. Suspension

Violations Regarding Topical Pharmaceutical Agents (B&P Code sec. 3041.2; Title 16 CCR sec. 1560; 1561; 1562; 1563)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

- ~~1. Reexamination [15]~~
- 38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

- ~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~
- ~~3. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~
- ~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~
- ~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

Unprofessional Conduct, Dishonesty and Fraud, Misrepresentation or Dishonesty (B&P Code sec. 810; ~~3090~~; 3101; 3110 (e) 3126; 3127)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Revocation~~

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- ~~1. Reexamination [15]~~
- ~~2. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~
- 32. Monitor Billing System & Audit

If Warranted:

- ~~2. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~
- ~~3. If warranted, Community service [13]~~
- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 23. Direct Supervision
- 26. Employment Limitations
- 31. Restitution
- 36. Restrictions on Advertisements
- 38. Continuing Education

Procuring a License by Fraud (B&P Code sec. 123; 496; 3110(i) 3095; 3126)

Maximum Discipline: Denial or Revocation

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Denial or Revocation

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Denial or Revocation~~

~~**Practice During Suspension**~~ (B&P Code sec. ~~3127~~)

~~**Minimum Penalty:** Revocation~~

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Revocation~~

Practicing without Valid License (B&P Code sec. 3110(s); 3110(i))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 25. Suspension
- 36. Restrictions on Advertisements
- 38. Continuing Education

Alcohol Abuse Using Controlled Substances or Alcohol (B&P Code sec. 820-3110 (l))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Revocation~~

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

17-18. Standard Alcohol/Drug Conditions

~~1. Reexamination [15]~~

~~2. Abstain from drugs [8, 9]~~

~~3. Biological fluid testing [12]~~

If Warranted:

~~4. 21. Drug or Alcohol and Drug Counseling and Treatment [23]~~

~~5. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~6. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

22. Direct Supervision

~~7. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

26. Employment Limitations

27. Psychotherapy or Counseling Program

28. Mental Health Evaluation

29. Medical Health Evaluation

30. Medical Treatment

38. Continuing Education

Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice Employing Suspended or Unlicensed Optometrist (B&P Code sec. ~~3102-3110 (t)~~; 3106)

Permitting Another to Use License(B&P Code sec. ~~3102-3110 (u)~~; 3106)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~**Maximum Penalty:** Revocation~~

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 35. Restrictions on number of bBranch oOffices [24]~~

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

26. Employment Limitations

38. Continuing Education

Acceptance of Unlawful Employment By Unlicensed Person (B&P Code sec. 31039)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

Unlawful Location for Practice (B&P Code sec. 3070; 3075; 3076; 3077; Title 16 CCR sec. 1505; 1506; 1507)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 35. Restrictions on number of bBranch
oOffices [24]~~

~~4. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted pPractice [22]~~

Deceptive Advertising (B&P Code sec 651; 651.3; 3099 ; ~~3100; 3104; 3129~~
~~3102; 3130 3103; 3110(g);~~ 17500; Title 16 CCR sec. 1512; 1513; 1514; 1515)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, 36. Restrictions on Submit~~

~~aAdvertisements for prior approval [25]~~

~~5. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

Prohibited Arrangements by Optometrists (B&P Code sec 655; Title 16 CCR sec. 1514)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

If Warranted:

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, 36. Restrictions on Submit~~

~~a Advertisements for prior approval [25]~~

~~5. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

~~Holding Out Without Certificate Advertising While Not Holding Valid License~~ (B&P Code sec. ~~3128~~ 3101)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

If Warranted:

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~5. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

36. Restrictions on Advertisements

Misuse of Professional Titles or Abbreviations (B&P Code sec. 3098; Title 16 CCR sec. 1512)

Maximum Discipline: 6-month suspension. Revocation for successive violation

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: 30 days ~~stayed,~~ suspension, and at least one-year probation

~~Maximum Penalty Discipline:~~ 6-month suspension. Revocation for successive violation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

36. Restrictions on Advertisements

Unlawful Solicitation (B&P Code sec. ~~3096~~ 3097)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted practice [22]~~

Unlawful Referrals (B&P Code sec. 650; 650.01)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted practice [22]~~

36. Restrictions on Advertisements

Employment of Cappers or Steerers (B&P Code sec. ~~3100~~ 3104)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

~~1. 38. Continuing Education course [14]~~

~~2. Re-examination [15]~~

If Warranted:

~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~

~~4. If warranted, Community service [13]~~

~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~

~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted practice [22]~~

36. Restrictions on Advertisements

Criminal Conviction (B&P Code sec. 3094; 3107; Title 16 CCR sec. 1517)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum ~~Penalty~~ Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

~~Maximum Penalty:~~ Revocation

~~Terms and conditions depend on the nature of the criminal conviction~~

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- ~~1. 24. Remedial Education course [14]~~
- ~~2. If warranted, Reexamination [15]~~
- ~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more [7]~~
- ~~4. If warranted, Community service [13]~~
- ~~5. If warranted, 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~
- ~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted practice [22]~~
- ~~7. If drug related and warranted (see conditions for drug abuse) 17-18. Standard Alcohol/ Drug Conditions~~
- ~~8. If related to sexual misconduct and warranted (see conditions for sexual misconduct)~~
- 38. Continuing Education

Fictitious Name Violation (B&P Code sec. ~~3125~~ 3078; Title 16 CCR sec. 1513; 1518)

Maximum Penalty: 6 month Suspension. Revocation and Cost Recovery for successive violations

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: ~~30 days stayed. Suspension, and at least one year probation on the standard conditions~~ Stayed Revocation, 3 years probation

Maximum Penalty: ~~6-month suspension. Revocation for successive violation.~~

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- 38. Continuing Education

If Warranted:

- 36. Restrictions on Advertisements

Violation of Probation

Maximum Discipline: Impose discipline that was stayed

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Impose an actual period of suspension

Maximum Penalty: ~~Impose penalty that was stayed.~~

The maximum ~~penalty~~ discipline should be given for repeated similar offenses or for probation violations revealing a cavalier or recalcitrant attitude. Other violations of probation should draw at least a period of actual suspension.

Violations by Professional Corporations (B&P Code sec. 3160; 3161; 3162; 3163; 3164; 3165; 3166; Title 16 CCR sec. 1544; 1546; 1547; 1548; 1549; 1550)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Penalty-Discipline: Stayed Revocation, ~~at least~~ 3-5 years probation

Maximum Penalty: ~~Revocation~~

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- ~~1. If warranted. 24. Remedial Education~~ eCourse for corporate principals involved [14]

- ~~2. If warranted, Reexamination for corporate principals involved [15]~~
- ~~3. If warranted, 25. Suspension of 30 days or more for corporate license and the license of any corporate principal involved [7]~~
- ~~4. If warranted, Community service for corporate principals [13]~~
- ~~5. 22. Worksite Monitoring [20]~~
- ~~6. If warranted, 34. Restricted practice [22]~~
- [31. Restitution](#)
- [36. Restrictions on Advertisements](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

Fraudulently Altering Medical Records (B&P Code sec. 3105)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- [1-16. Standard Conditions.](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

If Warranted:

- [22. Worksite Monitor](#)
- [23. Direct Supervision](#)
- [25. Suspension](#)
- [32. Monitor Billing System & Audit](#)

False Representation of Fact (B&P Code sec. 3106)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- [1-16. Standard Conditions](#)

If Warranted:

- [23. Direct Supervision](#)
- [24. Remedial Education](#)
- [25. Suspension](#)
- [26. Employment Limitations](#)
- [31. Restitution](#)
- [32. Monitor Billing System & Audit](#)
- [34. Restricted Practice](#)
- [35. Restrictions on Branch Offices](#)
- [36. Restrictions on Advertisements](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

Unprofessional Conduct (B&P code sec. 3110)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 5 years probation

Required:

- [1-16. Standard Conditions](#)
- [22. Worksite Monitor](#)
- [24. Remedial Education](#)

If Warranted:

- 23. Direct Supervision
- 25. Suspension
- 26. Employment Limitations
- 38. Continuing Education

Violating or abetting violation of any section of Optometry Practice

Act (B&P Code sec. 3110(a))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- 24. Remedial Education

If Warranted:

- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 23. Direct Supervision
- 25. Suspension
- 26. Employment Limitations
- 31. Restitution
- 32. Monitor Billing System & Audit
- 36. Restrictions on Advertisements
- 38. Continuing Education

Repeated Negligent Acts (B&P Code sec. 3110 (c))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Incompetence (B&P Code sec. 3110 (d))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

If Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 23. Direct Supervision
- 24. Remedial Education
- 25. Suspension
- 26. Employment Limitations

If Warranted:

- 37. Take and Pass NBEO Exam

Conduct Warranting License Denial (B&P Code sec. 3110 (f))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- 17-18. Standard Alcohol/ Drug Conditions
- 21. Alcohol or Drug Treatment

- [22. Worksite Monitor](#)
- [23. Direct Supervision](#)
- [24. Remedial Education](#)
- [25. Suspension](#)
- [26. Employment Limitations](#)
- [27. Psychotherapy or Counseling Program](#)
- [28. Mental Health Evaluation](#)
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- [32. Monitor Billing System & Audit](#)
- [33. Lens Prescription – Maintain Records](#)
- [36. Restrictions on Advertisements](#)
- [37. Take and Pass NBEO Exam](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

License Discipline by Other State or Agency (B&P Code sec. 3110 (h))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- [1-16. Standard Conditions](#)

If Warranted:

- [17-18. Standard Alcohol/ Drug Conditions](#)
- [21. Alcohol or Drug Treatment](#)
- [22. Worksite Monitor](#)
- [23. Direct Supervision](#)
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- [33. Lens Prescription – Maintain Records](#)
- [37. Take and Pass NBEO Exam](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

Making False Statement on Application (B&P Code sec. 3110 (j))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- [1-16. Standard Conditions](#)

If Warranted:

- [22. Worksite Monitor](#)
- [24. Remedial Education](#)
- [25. Suspension](#)
- [26. Employment Limitations](#)
- [38. Continuing Education](#)

Prescribing, Furnishing, or Administering Drugs without Good Faith

Examination (B&P Code sec. 3110 (p))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- 24. Remedial Education
- 25. Suspension

If Warranted:

- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 23. Direct Supervision
- 38. Continuing Education

Failure to Maintain Adequate Records(B&P Code sec. 3110 (g))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 24. Remedial Education
- 25. Suspension
- 32. Monitor Billing System & Audit
- 38. Continuing Education

Altering or Using Altered License (B&P Code sec. 3110 (v))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions
- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 25. Suspension

If Warranted

- 38. Continuing Education

Professional Services Beyond the Scope of the License (B&P Code sec. 3110 (r))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

- 1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

- 22. Worksite Monitor
- 24. Remedial Education
- 25. Suspension
- 26. Employment Limitations
- 38. Continuing Education

Failure to Comply with Patient Records Request (B&P Code sec. 3110 (x))

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

24. Remedial Education

38. Continuing Education

Use of Fraudulently issued, counterfeited, etc., Certificate (B&P Code 3107)

Maximum Discipline: Revocation and Cost Recovery

Minimum Discipline: Stayed Revocation, 3-5 years probation

Required:

1-16. Standard Conditions

If Warranted:

22. Worksite Monitor

24. Remedial Education

25. Suspension

26. Employment Limitations

38. Continuing Education

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