

# Chapter 31

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Subject Ophthalmic prescriptions

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## Overview

This act requires providers prescribing ophthalmic goods to establish a provider-patient relationship through an examination, and outlines requirements for the required examination.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Provider-patient relationship required.</b></p> <p>Amends § 145.713 by adding subd. 4.</p> <p>Paragraph (a) defines the following terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ “Contact lens”</li><li>▪ “Ophthalmic prescription”</li><li>▪ “Provider”</li></ul> <p>Paragraph (b) requires a provider (an optometrist or physician) to establish a provider-patient relationship through an examination, in order to prescribe ophthalmic goods.</p> <p>Paragraph (c) specifies that an examination for the purposes of paragraph (b) must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) in person;</li><li>2) through face-to-face interactive communication; or</li><li>3) through store-and-forward technologies, under specified conditions.</li></ol> <p>Paragraph (d) specifies that this subdivision does not apply to the sale of over-the-counter reader eyeglasses.</p> <p>Makes this section effective July 1, 2019, for prescriptions written on or after that date.</p>



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