

2023 Kansas Statutes

65-4967. Definition of person dispensing contact lenses for purposes of section; persons mailing or delivering contact lenses to patients in Kansas; registration requirements; fees; temporary suspension or limitation of registration; emergency proceedings; moneys remitted to state board of healing arts. (a) For purposes of this section a person dispensing contact lenses means a person or entity not licensed under K.S.A. 65-1505, and amendments thereto, or licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas who mails or delivers, using commercial courier or overnight or other delivery services, contact lenses to patients in Kansas pursuant to a contact lens prescription which such person or entity did not determine.

(b) No person dispensing contact lenses as defined under subsection (a) may dispense contact lenses to Kansas residents unless such person meets the criteria of this section, is registered under this section and pays the annual registration fee set by the state board of healing arts. Registration fees shall not exceed the annual fee for an initial or renewal permit to practice optometry in this state as provided in K.S.A. 65-1505, and amendments thereto.

(c) Approval of the registration for dispensing contact lenses shall be provided by the state board of healing arts upon certification by the person dispensing the contact lenses that such person:

(1) Is licensed or registered to dispense contact lenses in the state where the dispensing facility is located, if required to be licensed or registered in such state;

(2) provides the location, names and titles of all principal corporate officers and of the individual who is responsible for overseeing the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(3) complies with directions and appropriate requests for information from the regulating agency of each state where such person is licensed or registered;

(4) will respond directly and within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 15 days, to all communications from the state board of healing arts concerning the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(5) maintains records of contact lenses and their corresponding valid, unexpired prescription dispensed in Kansas;

(6) agrees to cooperate with the state board of healing arts in providing information to the regulatory agency of any state where it is licensed or registered concerning matters related to the dispensing of contact lenses in Kansas;

(7) provides a toll-free telephone service for responding to questions and complaints from individuals in Kansas during such person's regular hours of operation and agrees to (a) include the toll-free number in literature provided with contact lenses and (b) refer all questions relating to eye care for the lenses prescribed to the licensee who determined the contact lens prescription;

(8) provides the following, or substantially equivalent, written notification to the patient whenever contact lenses are supplied:

WARNING: IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, REMOVE YOUR LENSES IMMEDIATELY AND CONSULT YOUR EYE CARE PRACTITIONER BEFORE WEARING YOUR LENSES AGAIN: UNEXPLAINED EYE DISCOMFORT, WATERING, VISION CHANGE OR REDNESS;

(9) fills contact lens prescriptions according to the strict directions of a person licensed to practice optometry or person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Kansas, without any deviation or substitution of lenses; and

(10) consents in writing to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of the district courts of this state and the state board of healing arts for actions arising out of this act.

(d) The state board of healing arts may temporarily suspend or temporarily limit the registration of any person dispensing contact lenses to Kansas residents in accordance with the emergency adjudicative proceedings under the Kansas administrative procedure act if the board determines that there is cause to believe that any of the requirements of subsection (c) and that the registrant's continued dispensing of contact lenses to Kansas residents would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety.

(e) The state board of healing arts shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the healing arts fee fund.

History: L. 2002, ch. 113, § 4; L. 2008, ch. 75, § 3; L. 2010, ch. 27, § 1; July 1.