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## VISION SCREENINGS

The administration of vision screenings when not administered by an optometrist or ophthalmologist properly licensed under the laws of the State of South Carolina to administer diagnostic tests, or under direct supervision of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist, must be limited to visual acuity testing using standard Snellen charts or the equivalent. Any eye health screening must be performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist authorized to administer diagnostic procedures and shall constitute the practice of optometry.

Any use of auto refraction devices or visual screening equipment has been determined by the Board of Examiners in Optometry to be the practice of optometry and ophthalmology and is strictly prohibited by any person not properly licensed to engage in such practice unless used for the limited purpose of measuring visual acuity.

Vision screenings may not be used as an inducement to cause members of the public to choose one practitioner over another. Those persons offering screenings shall not take appointments at the screening and shall not solicit in any manner during the screening.

The following disclaimer must be provided to any person receiving a vision screening:

**This vision screening does not constitute an eye examination. If your vision is found to be within normal limits, it does not guarantee that your eyes are healthy. It is recommended by the Board of Examiners in Optometry that you seek treatment from a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist to determine the status of the health of your eyes. The results of your visual acuity screening are as follows:**

<b>VA: Distance</b>	<b>Right</b> _____	<b>Left</b> _____
<b>Near</b>	<b>Right</b> _____	<b>Left</b> _____