

Virginia Board of Optometry Guidance on Performing Free Eye Screenings

The Board voted unanimously that an optometrist who performs a free eye screening does not constitute a violation of statutes or regulations if the following conditions are met:

1. The optometrist makes it clear to the public or individual person that he is performing a screening to identify possible visual or ocular conditions or disorders and not a comprehensive examination for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment.
2. A referral recommendation is to the eye doctor of the individual's or parent of a minor's choice.