

Home Residence Permit AB 458

Pending State Board of Optometry regulations, TPA certified ODs can come to the home of a patient who is unable to see an OD outside of their home due to a disabling physical or mental condition if the OD obtains a home residence permit from the State Board.

- No permit is required if engaging in the temporary practice of optometry (no more than five calendar days during a 30-day period, and no more than 36 days within a calendar year)
- Application and renewal fee: **\$50**

In order to practice in a home residence, you must:

AUTHORIZATION

Provide patients with a voluntary authorization form which:

- Releases their optometric medical information to the Board of Optometry so the Board can investigate complaints and conduct the Board's enforcement duties
- If signed, maintain a copy in patient record

CONSUMER NOTICE

Furnish patients with a consumer notice provided by the Board of Optometry to be signed by the patient or caregiver

Maintain a copy of the signed notice in patient record

EQUIPMENT

Possess the equipment required for all services performed

PRIMARY OFFICE

Maintain a primary business office, separate from a health facility, residential care facility, or home residence, that meets all of the following requirements:

- A.** Is not located in or connected with a residential dwelling
- B.** Is open to the public during normal business hours by telephone and for purposes of billing services or access to patient records
- C.** Is registered by the optometrist with the Board of Optometry
- D.** Is licensed to the optometrist or the employer of the optometrist as a local business with the city or county in which it is located
- E.** Is owned or leased by the optometrist or by the employer of the optometrist

PRESCRIPTIONS

Maintain records for each prescription as part of the patient's chart, including the following information about the optometrist:

- Name
- License number
- Place of practice and the primary business office
- Description of goods and services for which the patient is charged and amount charged

PATIENT RECORD

Allow patients access to their medical records

Comply with state & federal law related to maintenance and protection of medical records

Maintain record at primary office

Include a copy of any referral or order requesting optometric services for a patient

