

**21 NCAC 40 .0210            PRESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION**

A prescription is a written direction from an ophthalmologist or optometrist for eyeglasses, contact lenses, or other ophthalmic appliances. The prescriber retains discretion in determining the number and type of measurements which will be placed upon the prescription and determines whether the patient is medically or physiologically suited for, or has need for eyeglasses, and/or contact lenses. The optician takes the measurements necessary to fill the prescription and determines the makeup of the lenses, supplementing but not contradicting the prescription. In the event of a question regarding interpretation of the prescription, the question will be discussed with the prescriber and his response shall be promptly recorded in writing by the optician.

*History Note:        Authority G.S. 90-235; 90-236; 90-236.1;*  
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