

21 NCAC 42B .0204 CEASING PRACTICE

(a) In the event an optometrist shall cease to practice at any practice location (primary or branch) as defined in Rules .0201 and .0202 of this Section, the optometrist shall notify the Board in writing within ten days of ceasing practice, indicating the reason for discontinuing practice and the disposition of patient records.

(b) On ceasing practice at any location, the licensee shall notify those patients whose records he retains in accordance with 21 NCAC 42E .0102(5) and (6) of the disposition or availability of such records. Such notice shall be given by direct mail, email, or through a public announcement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties wherein the patients reside. If such notice is given by publication, such publication shall occur not less than weekly for a period of not less than ninety days. Proof of the giving of such notice shall be retained by the licensee.

(c) Any licensee ceasing practice shall maintain control and custody of the records located at that practice location until such time as such records are transferred to the patients or to the custody of another practitioner similarly licensed.

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