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SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

AGENDA

Board Meeting, May 4, 2016, 3:00 P.M.

**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina**

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Optometry Board's Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Introduction of New Board Members – Dr. Michelle Cooper and Charles Hill

Approval / Disapproval of Absent Board Member(s)

Approval of February 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report – David Love, Chief of Investigations

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report – David Love, Chief of Investigations

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report – Shanika Johnson, ODC

Legislative Update – Holly Beeson

Name withheld – Section 40-47-190 Case 2011-11 Request to be released – Closed Session

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Administrative Information – April Koon

- a. Licensee Totals
- b. Endorsement Applicant Report
- c. Financial Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. CE Broker – Dylan Sitterle
- 2. Branch Office Registration
- 3. Wall Certificates
- 4. Board Certification E-Blast
- 5. Vision Screening Inquiry

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Acceptance of electronic transcripts
- 2. Temporary Vision Care Clinics – Branch Office License Required
- 3. Eyewear Re-use Regulations
- 4. Endorsement Applications – Executive Session

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Board Meeting – July 20, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2016
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina**

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Derek Van Veen, President
Dr. Peter V. Candela, Vice President
Dr. Thomas E. Tucker
Dr. William Spearman
Isaac L. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Public Member

VACANT POSITION:

Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Donnell Jennings, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
April Koon, Administrator
Missy L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
For IRC Report:
David Love, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
For ODC Report:
Shanika Johnson, Esquire, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

PRESENT:

Tina F. Behles, Nationally Certified Court Reporter
Anthony Van Alstine, OD, MS, FAAO, FSLs
Wayne Cannon, OD, IRC Member, LLR
Jackie Rivers, Executive Director, SCOPA

CALL TO ORDER: At 3:05 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Dr. VanVeen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to accept the February 10, 2016 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBER(S): All Board members were present for this meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD ADMINISTRATOR – APRIL KOON: Mrs. Koon was formally introduced and welcomed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2015 MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Dr. Candela to accept the October 28, 2015 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tucker and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT: Mr. Love presented the OIE Statistical Report. The Board accepted this report as information.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Mr. Love provided the IRC Report from the January 26, 2016 IRC meeting. It was recommended to dismiss case #2015-7, case #2015-9, case #2015-11, case #2015-12, case #2015-13, and case #2015-14, and a letter of caution for case #2015-8. A **motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to accept the IRC dismissal recommendations and the letter of caution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT: Ms. Johnson reported that there were no cases pending in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

- **Licensee Totals Report** – 865 S.C. licensed optometrists; 550 practice in S.C.; 315 practice out-of-state
- **Endorsement Applicant Report** – Three endorsement candidates, Dr. Kenneth Best, Dr. John Ellis, Sr., and Dr. Marisa Feliciano, have been licensed since October 29, 2015 through February 3, 2016
- **Financial Report** - provided and accepted as information
- **Associates of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Annual Meeting** on June 26 – 28, 2016 – A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to send one Board member and the Board's Administrator to ARBO's annual meeting.
- **Statement of Economic Interests** – Due March 30, 2016 - Accepted as information by the Board
- **Continuing Education** – Dr. Candela is the assigned board member that approves CE. The board clarified when an applicant applies and receives a license during a nonrenewal year, they will only be responsible for 20 of the 40 hours required to renew the license the following year.
- **Continuing Education (CE) Course Approvals** –
 1. International Vision Expo & Conference East 2016 – The Board referred to Dr. Candela for review and approval.
 2. South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry – Dr. Anthony Van Alstine -- A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to accept the continuing education hours from the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry as unlimited. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaught and carried unanimously.
 3. 2016 SCOPA Spring CE Meeting – The Board referred to Dr. Candela for review and he approved the course as sufficient CE for a total of 10 hours for renewal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Endorsement Application Revisions: Provided and accepted as information

A **Motion** was made by Dr. Vaught to request LLR to change the boards licensing certificates back to full size with all Board members signatures. The Board will increase the licensing fee to accommodate the cost. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

Branch Office Registration Fees: A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman that the Board identify different types of practices that may or may not be considered a branch office at the next scheduled Board meeting and create an advisory opinion to that effect. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously. Dr. Spearman asked for clarification at the next meeting from LLR staff about the amount of funds that are collected by LLR for branch offices.

Opternative Online Eye Exam: Dr. Cannon gave a summary of law changes in the Eye Care Consumer Protection Law to the Board as information only.

NEW BUSINESS

Vision Screening Inquiry: The Board's Administrator will draft a letter to Lion's Club with Dr. VanVeen's signature, stating that the company is in violation of the Practice Act and Policy. The policy on Vision Screening will also be attached.

CE Broker – Dylan Sitterle: A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to table this discussion over to the next scheduled Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously.

ACOE's Professional Optometric Degree Standards – Comments on second draft of the proposed Professional Optometric Degree Program Standards: The Board has no comments at this time.

Elect Media Designee: A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman to elect the Board President as the Media Designee and the Vice President as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Dr. Vaught and carried unanimously.

Parameters for Election of Board Officers: The Board elects its officers by seniority at its first meeting each year.

Election of Board Officers: A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker to elect Dr. Candela as the Board's President and Dr. Vaught as Vice President for 2016. The motion was seconded by Dr. VanVeen and carried unanimously.

Board Certification – Dr. Vaught: A **motion** was made by Dr. Spearman for staff to do e-blast reminding all licensed optometrist of regulation 95-2 (B). The motion was seconded by Dr. Candela and carried unanimously. Dr. Vaught abstained from voting in this matter.

Eye Care Consumer Protection Law (S.1016 & H.4723): Mr. Jennings gave the board an update on the Eye Care Consumer Protection Law and the Board accepted as information.

Delegation of Authority to New Board Administrator: The Board will delegate authority to the new Board Administrator on a case by case basis.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Dr. Tucker, seconded by Dr. Candela, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Van Veen adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Board and a summary of the meeting provided by April Koon, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Board for final approval.

Date: May 4, 2016

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry

Statistical Board Report

Case Status (Optometry cases received from 1/1/15 thru 4/13/16)	Total
Closed (Avg days: 165) (OPTOMETRY)	14
Pending Board Action (Avg days: 945) (OPTOMETRY)	1
Total	15

Date: May 4, 2016

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry

IRC Board Report

Formal Complaint – 1

Dr. Wayne Cannon -IRC Advisor
Dr. Timothy Stafford – IRC Advisor
Shanika Johnson – Attorney
April Koon – Board Administrator
Lorie Graham – Investigator
David Love – Chief Investigator

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Case #	Investigator	Initial Complaint Allegations	IRC Logic
2013-11	Lorie Graham	The Complainant alleges that the Respondent is operating mobile eye vision units which are not under direct supervision, has possible standard of care violations and has possible radiological and sanitation violations based on an investigation conducted by the South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services.	The IRC recommends a Formal Complaint.
Total Cases: 1			

OGC Case Load Statistics

As of 5/04/2016

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South Carolina General Assembly
121st Session, 2015-2016

S. 1016

STATUS INFORMATION

General Bill

Sponsors: Senators Cleary, Jackson, J. Matthews, Campbell, Davis, Scott, Turner, Rankin, Alexander and McElveen

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Introduced in the Senate on January 21, 2016

Introduced in the House on April 27, 2016

Last Amended on April 21, 2016

Passed by the General Assembly on April 29, 2016

Summary: Eye Care Consumer Protection Law

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Date	Body	Action Description with journal page number
1/21/2016	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
1/21/2016	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 6)
4/12/2016	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 8)
4/21/2016	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 46)
4/21/2016	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 46)
4/26/2016	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 21)
4/26/2016	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 21)
4/27/2016	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 5)
4/27/2016	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 5)
4/27/2016	House	Recalled from Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 64)
4/28/2016	House	Read second time
4/28/2016	House	Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-1
4/28/2016	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day
4/29/2016	House	Read third time and enrolled

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VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

[1/21/2016](#)
[4/12/2016](#)
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1 RECALLED
2 April 27, 2016
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7 Davis, Scott, Turner, Rankin, Alexander and McElveen
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9 S. Printed 4/27/16--H.
10 Read the first time April 27, 2016.
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12 13 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

14 **Fiscal Impact Summary**

15 This bill would increase general fund expenditures by \$185,440
16 in FY 2016-17 and \$166,162 in FY 2017-18. This bill would have
17 no expenditure impact on federal funds or other funds.

18 **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

19 **State Expenditure**

20 This bill amends Title 44 by adding Chapter 45 known as the
21 Eye Care Consumer Protection Law. The bill requires the
22 Department of Health and Environmental Control to regulate the
23 dispensing of prescription eyewear. The bill defines the term kiosk
24 and specifies requirements for the proper use of automated visual
25 diagnostic equipment. The bill requires the Department of Health
26 and Environmental Control to enforce this chapter through
27 complaint investigations and hearing procedures. The bill specifies
28 fines and other penalties for violations and provides that the
29 violator's licensing board shall retain all assessed fines and
30 determine disciplinary actions.

31 **Department of Health and Environmental Control.** The
32 department estimates that this new regulatory program would
33 require one investigator, one administrative assistant, and one
34 licensed practical nurse. First year costs are estimated at \$185,440
35 (including \$145,529 for salaries and fringes, \$20,633 for operating
36 costs, and \$19,278 for the one-time purchase of office equipment
37 and investigative training). Subsequently, annual operating
38 expenditures are estimated at \$166,162.

39 **Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.** The
40 department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact
41 on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds. Minimal

1 expenditures are anticipated but these would be absorbed using
2 available resources.

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4 Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

5 Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 45 TO TITLE 44 TO ENACT THE "EYE CARE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW" SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO SELLS SPECTACLES OR CONTACT LENSES USING REFRACTIVE DATA OR INFORMATION GENERATED BY AN AUTOMATED TESTING DEVICE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"CHAPTER 24

Eye Care Consumer Protection

- Section 40-24-10. For purposes of this chapter:
- (1) 'Contact lenses' means a lens placed directly on the surface of the eye, regardless of whether it is intended to correct a visual defect, and includes, but is not limited to, cosmetic, therapeutic, and corrective lenses.
 - (2) 'Dispense' means the act of providing a pair of spectacles or contact lenses to a patient.
 - (3) 'Eye examination' means an assessment of all or a portion of the ocular health profile, which must include a complete written or electronic medical history, as well as an assessment of the visual status of a patient.
 - (4) 'Kiosk' means automated equipment or an automated application, which is designed to be used on a phone, computer, or internet-based device that can be used in person or remotely to provide refractive data or information.

1 (5) 'Patient' means a person who submits to an eye
2 examination in this State.

3 (6) 'Prescription' means a provider's handwritten or electronic
4 order to correct refractive error that is based on an eye
5 examination.

6 (7) 'Provider' means an individual licensed by the South
7 Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry or the South Carolina
8 Board of Medical Examiners.

9 (8) 'Spectacles' means an optical instrument or device worn or
10 used by an individual that has one or more lenses designed to
11 correct or remediate vision deficits or needs of the individual
12 wearer and are commonly known as glasses, including spectacles
13 that may be adjusted by the wearer to achieve different types or
14 levels of visual correction or enhancement, and excluding
15 over-the-counter spectacles not intended to correct or enhance
16 vision or sold without consideration of the visual status of the
17 individual using the spectacles.

18 (9) 'Visual status' means the assessment of the visual acuity,
19 accommodation amplitudes at the discretion of the provider, and
20 ocular alignment of the eyes in an uncorrected state and the best
21 corrected visual acuity achievable with the aid of a spectacle or
22 contact lens prescription; however, the assessment must not be
23 based solely on objective refractive data or information generated
24 by an automated testing device, including an auto refractor or other
25 electronic refractive-only testing device, to provide a medical
26 diagnosis or to establish a refractive error for a patient as part of an
27 eye examination.

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29 Section 40-24-20. (A) A person in this State may not dispense
30 spectacles or contact lenses to a patient without a valid prescription
31 from a provider.

32 (B) To be valid, a prescription must contain an expiration date
33 on spectacles or contact lenses of one year from the date of
34 examination by the provider or a statement of the reasons why a
35 shorter time is appropriate based on the medical needs of the
36 patient. The prescription must take into consideration medical
37 findings made and refractive error discovered during the eye
38 examination. If a provider determines a patient is a suitable
39 candidate for a prescription for contact lenses or spectacles, a
40 provider may not thereafter refuse to issue a prescription for
41 spectacles or contact lenses to a patient.

1 (C) A prescription for spectacles or contact lenses may not be
2 based solely on the refractive eye error of the human eye or be
3 generated by a kiosk.

4 (D) Violation of this section constitutes misconduct as provided
5 for in Sections 40-37-110 and 40-47-110. A provider who violates
6 this section is subject to the penalties authorized in Chapter 37,
7 Title 40 or Chapter 47, Title 40, as applicable.”

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9 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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Dr. Eric Bang is appearing before the Board to request to be released from his Private Order in Case No. 2011-11 dated February 21, 2012.

History:

Dr. Bang was issued a Private Order on August 4, 2010 after he entered Cornerstone of Recovery in Louisville, Tennessee on or about July 2, 2009, for treatment of chemical dependency. Shortly after his release on January 9, 2010, he entered the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program. He was ordered to continue to be an active participant in the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) for the remainder of his current contract with RPP. On May 24, 2011, the Board issued a Temporary Suspension Order (Private) due to Dr. Bang's failure to comply with RPP and the previous Board Order. Dr. Bang's license was temporarily suspended pending a hearing and until further Order of the Board. On February 21, 2012, an Order of Reinstatement was issued to lift the temporary suspension of Dr. Bang's license and place it in a probationary status for 12 months, beginning February 21, 2012. The Board also issued a Private Order on February 21, 2012, stating that Dr. Bang must maintain his contract with and be an active participant in RPP for not fewer than 5 years of documented sobriety and compliance with the Order. Dr. Bang was also fined \$340 which he paid on May 22, 2012. On or about April 22, 2016, RPP provided Board staff with a letter stating that Dr. Bang has been compliant with the requirements of RPP and requested that Dr. Bang be released from the Board's Order.

As we discussed this morning, the Optometry Bd.'s Administrator is April Koon at 803-896-4679. Since you have successfully completed five years of monitoring with RPP, it is appropriate for you to contact Ms. Koon to request release from your Final Order, dated 2/21/12. Please call her to discuss what you need to say in your letter and whether you will need to appear before the Bd. Maureece will send her a letter confirming your satisfactory completion of all program requirements. Hope this helps! - Rick

Richard P. Wilson
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Subject: Release from FO

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April 22, 2016

April Koon
SC Dept. of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
PO Box 12367
Columbia, SC 29211-2367

Re: Eric R. Bang, OD

Dear April:

This letter documents Dr. Eric R. Bang's compliance with our monitoring program. Dr Bang originally enrolled with RPP on November 23, 2009. Following a relapse, he re-enrolled with RPP on April 15, 2011. He has been in compliance with the requirements of the Program since that time.

Dr. Bang has completed five years of documented, continuous sobriety in accordance with the requirements of his Final Order. Therefore, RPP respectfully support his release at this time from the Program, if that should be the decision of the Board.

If you need further information please contact me.

Regards,

Maureece Jones

Maureece Jones, MA, CACII, NCACI
Recovery Specialist

cc: Frank Sheheen
Eric Bang

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD
License No. OPT-1045 (Suspended),
Respondent.

Case No. 2011-0011

**ORDER
(Private)**

This matter came before the Board of Examiners in Optometry (Board) for hearing on February 15, 2012, as a result of the Notice and Complaint served upon the Respondent and filed with the Board. A quorum of Board members was present. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 40-37-210, S.C. Code Regs. 95-20, S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-70(6), S.C. Code Ann. § 40-37-110, and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-10, *et seq.*, (1976, as amended), the hearing was held to determine whether sanctions should be imposed based upon the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations agreed upon by the Respondent and the State. Erin G. Baldwin, Assistant Agency Counsel, represented the State. The Respondent appeared without counsel.

The Respondent was charged with violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(l)(i) (1976, as amended).

FINDINGS OF FACTS

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the whole record, the Board finds the facts of the case to be as follows:

1. The Respondent is licensed as an optometrist, and was licensed as an optometrist at the time of the events at issue in this matter; his license was issued August 25, 1995, and currently is suspended.
2. The Board issued a Private Order on August 4, 2010, which privately reprimanded the Respondent and required him to continue active participation in the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program (RPP) for the remainder of his current contract with RPP, or longer if recommended by RPP.
3. RPP notified the Board that the Respondent was non-compliant with its contract on April 25, 2011, by failing to abstain from taking mood altering chemicals and comply with program requirements; RPP, therefore, could not attest to the Respondent's safety to practice and recommended emergency action to protect the public's health, safety, and

welfare.

4. On May 24, 2011, the Board issued the Respondent an Order of Temporary Suspension, effective immediately, until further order of the Board.
5. On June 9, 2011, the Respondent was served personally with public and private Orders of Temporary Suspension.
6. On April 15, 2011, the Respondent entered into the Any Length Recovery Program, an inpatient treatment facility. On April 15 and 21, 2011, the Respondent had positive drug screens. Since May 4, 2011, he has had negative drug screens and has been compliant with his RPP contract.
7. The Respondent admits the aforementioned acts by him present grounds that constitute misconduct as alleged.
8. Should a finding of fact constitute a conclusion of law, or *vice versa*, it is adopted as such and directed that it be treated accordingly.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon careful consideration of the facts in this case, the Board finds and concludes as a matter of law that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter, and, upon finding that grounds for discipline exist, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 40-1-120 and 40-37-230 provide that, among other actions, the Board has the authority to suspend the individual's license for a definite or indefinite time and prescribe conditions to be met during probation, restriction, or suspension, including, but not limited to, satisfactory completion of additional education, of a supervisory period, or of continuing education programs; permanently revoke a license; and impose the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of a case.
2. The Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(1)(i) in that he has practiced the profession or occupation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or uses alcohol or drugs to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice his profession or occupation, as evidenced by admitted facts described above.
3. The sanction imposed is consistent with the purpose of these proceedings and has been made after weighing the public interest and the need for the continuing services of qualified optometrists against the countervailing concern that society be protected from professional ineptitude and misconduct.

4. The sanction imposed is designed not to punish the Respondent, but to protect the life, health, and welfare of the people at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. The Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations is accepted.
2. The Respondent shall pay administrative costs in this matter in the amount of Three Hundred, Forty Dollars (\$340.00) within thirty (30) days of the date of this Final Order. Failure to pay the costs within the allowed period may result in further action against his license to practice.
3. The Temporary Suspension of the Respondent's license is lifted, effective the date of this Final Order.
4. The Respondent must successfully maintain his contract with, and be an active participant in the activities of, the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program (RPP), until a period of not fewer than five (5) years of documented sobriety and compliance with this Order has been established satisfactorily by the Respondent and until further direction of the Board. Such contract shall include provisions for any assessment, treatment, monitoring, and aftercare activities, and other activities as RPP shall deem appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - i. RPP's assessment and treatment requirements;
 - ii. RPP's monitoring and aftercare activities;
 - iii. Participation in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA);
 - iv. Participation in professional support groups or organizations or equivalents, as approved by RPP; and
 - v. Such additional therapeutic activities as RPP deems appropriate and necessary.

RPP shall submit regular, written reports which document the Respondent's full compliance with the terms of the contract with RPP and this Final Order.

5. The Respondent shall appear and report to the Board as the Board, in its discretion, requests.

6. The Respondent shall advise the Board promptly in writing of any changes in address, practice, professional status, or compliance with this Order. Correspondence and copies of reports and notices herein shall be directed to:

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Post Office Box 11329
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329

7. The Respondent's license shall be placed in a probationary status for twelve (12) months, effective the date of this Final Order.
8. The Respondent shall be subject to random audits of his practice and records, as deemed necessary in the Board's discretion.
9. Failure by the Respondent to abide by any of the aforementioned conditions shall warrant the immediate imposition of suspension of his license to practice optometry in this State, pending hearing into the matter and until further order of the Board.
10. The Respondent shall cooperate with the Board, its attorneys, investigators, and other representatives in the investigation of his practice and compliance with the provisions of this Final Order. It is the Respondent's responsibility to demonstrate compliance with each and every provision of this Order. Failure to comply satisfactorily with such requests shall be deemed a violation of this Final Order.
11. This Final Order shall take effect upon the date of service on the Respondent or his counsel.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY


Robert N. Williams Jr., OD
President of the Board

2/21, 2012

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD
License No. OPT-1045 (Suspended)
Case No. 2011-11


Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served the within **Order (Private)** upon the person hereafter named, by placing the same in an envelope, securely wrapped, in the United States Mail, via first class mail, properly addressed to the said person hereafter named, at the place and address stated below, which is the last known address for the same:

Eric R. Bang, OD
202 Woodridge Court
Anderson, SC 29621

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION



Jennifer E. Cooper, Administrative Assistant
LLR-Office of Advice Counsel
Post Office Box 11329
Columbia SC 29211 1329

2/23, 2012.

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In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD
License No. OPT-1045 (Suspended)
Case No. 2011-11

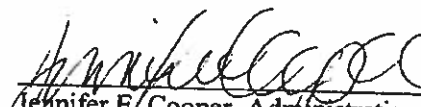
Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served the within **Order (Private)** upon the person hereafter named, by placing the same in an envelope, securely wrapped, in the United States Mail, via first class mail, properly addressed to the said person hereafter named, at the place and address stated below, which is the last known address for the same:

Eric R. Bang, OD
Any Length Recovery Community
1154 Ronda Street
Sumter, SC 29154

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION


Jennifer E. Cooper, Administrative Assistant
LLR-Office of Advice Counsel
Post Office Box 11329
Columbia SC 29211 1329

2/23, 2012.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:
Eric R. Bang, OD,
License No. OPT-1045,
Respondent.

Case No. 2011-0011

**ORDER
OF
REINSTATEMENT**

WHEREAS, this matter is before the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry (the Board) pursuant to the Respondent's petition for reinstatement. The Respondent's license to engage in the practice was disciplined on or about August 4, 2010, and subsequently was suspended temporarily; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent appeared before the Board on February 15, 2012, and petitioned for reinstatement, among other matters; and


WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the public interest to lift the temporary suspension of the Respondent's license and place it in a probationary status for twelve (12) months, beginning February 21, 2012.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Respondent's license shall be and hereby is reinstated in a probationary status, effective February 21, 2012.
2. Pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, this Order is a public document.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY


Robert N. Williams Jr., OD
Chairman

Date: 2-21, 2012

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD
License No. OPT-1045
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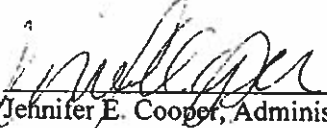
Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused to be served the within **Order of Reinstatement** upon the person hereafter named, by placing the same in an envelope, securely wrapped, in the United States Mail, via first class mail, properly addressed to the said person hereafter named, at the place and address stated below, which is the last known address for the same:

Eric R. Bang, OD
202 Woodridge Court
Anderson, SC 29621

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION


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9/21 2012.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ERIC R. BANG, O.D.,
License No. 1045

OIE # 2011-11

Respondent.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ORDER
(Private)

WHEREAS, the above-named Respondent is an optometrist, duly licensed by the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, hereinafter referred to as "the Board" to practice optometry in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the affidavit of Investigator Cheryl McNair and incorporated in the Board's order, Respondent was employed with Perception Eye Care in Anderson, South Carolina prior to July 2, 2009. On or about July 2, 2009, Respondent entered Cornerstone of Recovery in Louisville, Tennessee, seeking treatment for chemical dependency. He was diagnosed with cocaine dependence and withdrawal. Respondent was released from treatment on January 9, 2010. Respondent enrolled in the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program (hereinafter "RPP") on November 23, 2009. A copy of the affidavit of Investigator Cheryl McNair and a copy of the Order issued by the Board dated August 4, 2010 are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 4, 2010, the Board issued an Order which required, among other things, that "Respondent shall continue active participation in RPP for the remainder of his current contract with RPP, or longer if recommended by RPP." This Order also states that, in addition to the active participation, Respondent must stay in compliance with RPP. A copy of the Order issued by the Board dated August 4, 2010, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit 2**.

WHEREAS, as set forth in the affidavit of Investigator Cheryl McNair and the memorandum from RPP, Respondent has had several issues with compliance since the date of his intake with RPP. Upon completion of inpatient treatment, Respondent was referred to aftercare for medication management, but he failed to submit documentation of any follow-up appointments. Respondent failed to keep his First Lab account current so that he could participate in random drug screens. On or about April 14, 2011, Respondent relapsed on alcohol, benzodiazepines, and methamphetamines. Respondent is not safe to practice at this time. A copy of the affidavit of Investigator Cheryl McNair and a copy of the Memorandum from RPP are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 3**, respectively; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-370(c), S.C. Code Ann. § 40-37-110 and S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110, the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry has the authority to take emergency actions, such as to suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Respondent's conduct as set forth herein constitutes a serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare and that the public interest imperatively requires that Respondent's practice of optometry be immediately temporarily suspended pending a hearing and further Order of the Board; NOW THEREFORE

IT IS ORDERED THAT, in accordance with § 1-23-370(c) of the South Carolina Code of Laws Ann., as amended, Respondent's license to practice Optometry in this State is hereby temporarily suspended, effective immediately, pending a hearing and until further Order of the Board.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
OPTOMETRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

24 MAY 2011

BY:


ROBERT N. WILLIAMS, JR., O.D.
President of the Board

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation
Before the Board of Examiners in Optometry**

In the Matter of:

Eric R Bang,

OPT. 1045 ,

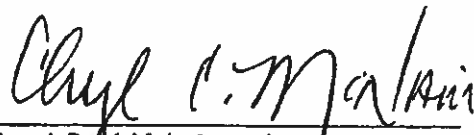
2011-11 Respondent.

AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY appeared before me Cheryl C. McNair, Investigator, SC Office of Investigations and Enforcement, who, being duly sworn, states the following facts:

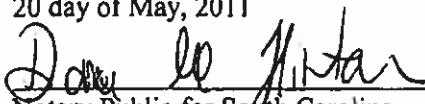
1. Affiant is an Investigator with the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
2. That the Licensee is under a Board Order dated August 4, 2010, reference case number 2009-9, that requires the Licensee, among other things, to maintain good standing in a monitoring program with the Recovering Professional Program (RPP).
3. Further, that on May 2, 2011, the Affiant was advised by the RPP that the Licensee is not in compliance with a contract signed by the Licensee on November 23, 2009. This contract was for a period of 5 years due to a prior abuse/addiction of controlled substances as set forth in the private order. The Respondent relapsed and abused benzodiazepines and methamphetamines on or about May 14, 2011 to such an extent he required treatment. RPP indicates that further practice by the Respondent would represent a danger to the public.

Further, Affiant saith naught.


Cheryl C. McNair, Investigator
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
LICENSING & REGULATION
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

SWORN to before me this

20 day of May, 2011

 (L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 4/4/2021

EXHIBIT 1

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD,
License No. 1045,
Respondent.

Case No. 2009-9

**ORDER
(Private)**

This matter came before the Board of Examiners in Optometry (Board) for hearing on June 30, 2010, as a result of the Notice and Complaint served upon Respondent and dated May 26, 2010. A quorum of Board members was present. A hearing was held pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §40-37-210, Regulation 95-20 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, S.C. Code Ann. §40-1-70(6), and the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), S.C. Code Ann. 1-23-10, *et seq.*, (1976, as amended), to determine whether sanctions should be imposed based upon the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations agreed upon by Respondent and the State. Paula S. Magargle, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Respondent appeared and was not represented by counsel.

Respondent was charged with violation of S.C. Code Ann. §§ 40-1-110(c), (f), (i) and (k).

FINDINGS OF FACTS

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence on the whole record, the Board finds the facts of the case to be as follows:

1. Respondent is duly licensed as an optometrist, and was licensed as an optometrist at the time of the events at issue in this matter.
2. Prior to July 2, 2009, Respondent was employed with Perception Eye Care in Anderson, South Carolina.
3. On or about July 2, 2009, Respondent entered Cornerstone of Recovery in Louisville, Tennessee, seeking treatment for chemical dependency where he remained until his release on January 9, 2010. Shortly after his release, Respondent entered the South Carolina Recovering Professional Program.
4. During Respondent's course of treatment he was diagnosed with cocaine dependence and withdrawal.

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EXHIBIT 2

5. Respondent admits the aforementioned acts by him present grounds that constitute misconduct as alleged.
6. Should a finding of fact constitute a conclusion of law, or *vice versa*, it is adopted as such and directed that it be treated accordingly.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon careful consideration of the facts in this case, the Board finds and concludes as a matter of law that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter, and, upon finding that grounds for discipline exist, S.C. Code Ann. §§40-1-120 and 40-37-230 provide that, among other actions, the Board has the authority to suspend the individual's license for a definite or indefinite time and prescribe conditions to be met during probation, restriction, or suspension, including, but not limited to, satisfactory completion of additional education, of a supervisory period, or of continuing education programs; permanently revoke a license; and impose the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of a case.
2. Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(c) in that he intentionally or knowingly, directly or indirectly, violated or has aided or abetted in the violation or conspiracy to violate this article or a regulation promulgated under this article, as evidenced by the admitted facts described above.
3. Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(f) in that he has committed a dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional act that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, as evidenced by the admitted facts described above.
4. Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(i) in that he has practiced the profession or occupation while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or uses alcohol or drugs to such a degree as to render him unfit to practice his profession or occupation, as evidenced by the admitted facts described above.
5. Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. § 40-1-110(k) in that he violates a provision of this article or of a regulation promulgated under this article, as evidenced by the admitted facts described above.
6. The sanction imposed is consistent with the purpose of these proceedings and has been made after weighing the public interest and the need for the continuing services of qualified optometrists against the countervailing concern that society be protected from professional ineptitude and misconduct.


7. The sanction imposed is designed not to punish Respondent, but to protect the life, health, and welfare of the people at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:

1. Respondent is hereby privately reprimanded.
2. Respondent shall continue active participation in the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) for the remainder of his current contract with RPP, or longer if recommended by RPP. RPP shall submit regular, written reports which document Respondent's full compliance with the terms of the contract with RPP and this Order.
3. At the completion of his contract with RPP, Respondent shall reappear before this Board and provide proof, to the Board's satisfaction, that he has fully complied with the above requirements.
4. Failure by Respondent to abide by any of the aforementioned conditions may lead to further action being taken against his license by this Board.
5. This Order shall take effect upon the date of service on Respondent.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

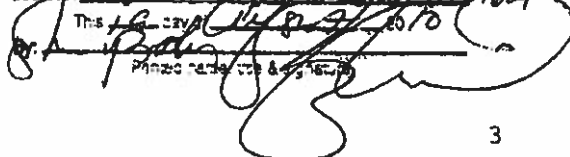
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS


Robert N. Williams Jr., O.D.
President

04 AUGUST 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served this Order in the above entitled action upon all parties to this cause by depositing a copy hereof in the United States mail postage paid or in the Emergency Mail Service addressed to the party last or first named in the following address: 2020 University Ave. S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334

This 4th day of August 2010
By: 
Printed name, title & signature

Memorandum-Confidential

To: Ron Cook
From: Maureece Jones, MA, CACII
Date: April 28, 2011
Board: Optometry/Opticianry
Re: Eric Bang, O.D. #1635

Date of Enrollment: 11/23/2009
Referred by: LLR
Volunteer: No
Date of non-compliance: 04/25/2011
Date of Discharge:

RPP reports that Dr. Eric Bang is out of compliance with his RPP monitoring contract in the following areas:

Failure to maintain abstinence of mood altering chemicals
Failure to comply with program requirements

Time Line / Comments: Dr. Bang has had several compliance incidents since the date of his intake with RPP on 11/23/2009. Specifically, Dr. Bang completed inpatient treatment on 7/2/2009 – 1/9/2010. He was referred to aftercare for medication management upon returning home to Anderson, SC, however, he failed to submit documentation of any follow up appointments. Dr. Bang failed to keep his First Lab account current so that he could do randomly drug screens. It was ultimately learned on 4/18/2011 that Dr. Bang relapsed on alcohol, benzodiazepines and methamphetamines on or about 4/14/2011.

Although Dr. Bang reportedly is now in long term treatment again, he does have an active optometry license. Based upon Dr. Bang's actions RPP cannot attest to his safety to practice at this time and, therefore, respectfully recommends emergency action, as deemed appropriate, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 803 – 896-5328.

cc: Angie Combs, Administrator
Frankie Sheheen

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29210

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EXHIBIT 3

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

In the Matter of:

Eric R. Bang, OD
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

2011-11

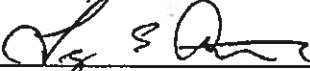
Respondent.

PERSONALLY appeared before me, **Larry Atkins**, who, being duly sworn states:

1. That he is an investigator with the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
2. That he hereby certifies that on JUNE 9, 2011, at 4.00 am/pm he served the Order of Temporary Suspension (Private) in the above-captioned matter by hand delivery to the following individual at his/her last known address:

Eric R. Bang
Precision Tune
1098 Broad St
Sumter SC 29154

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**


Investigator
LLR - Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Post Office Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
(803) 896-4470

SWORN to before me this

20th day of June, 2011.

 (L.S.)

Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission expires: 12-28-2016

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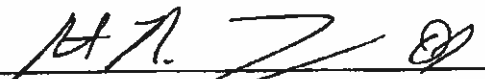
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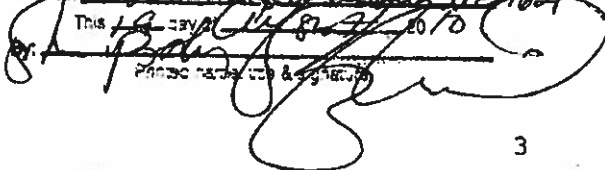
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BOARD OF OPTOMETRY EXAMINERS


Robert N. Williams Jr., O.D.
President

04 AUGUST, 2010

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This 4th day of August, 2010
at Portland, Maine
Printed name, title & signature


Administrative Information – April Koon

a. Licensee Totals

Total of all licensees – 878

Instate licensee total – 556

Out-of-state licensee total – 322

b. Endorsement Applicant Report

Total of licensees since February 11, 2016 – May 2, 2016 – 0

There are 2 pending Endorsement Applications pending at this time.

Name	State(s) Licensed	Parts of National Exam Taken & Passed	Approval Reason

Optometry Board
DB0019

		June 2014 Cash Balance	June 2015 Cash Balance	Mar 2016 Cash Balance
		<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
Beginning Cash Balance		85,566.02	(18,437.11)	64,843.90
 Total Revenue		 28,006.25	 228,674.28	 18,015.00
 Total Direct Expenditures		 (61,173.24)	 (80,149.64)	 (39,116.23)
Indirect Expenditures (Overhead):				
Admin/Dir/Adv Cou- Based on Previous Yr Expenses	.864%	(22,321.94)	(25,800.86)	(19,236.20)
POL Admin - Based on Previous Yr Expenses	.864%	(2,410.71)	(8,787.85)	(6,084.92)
OLC - Former POL Program		0.00	0.00	0.00
OIE - Based on No. of Investigations	.481%	(19,522.66)	(11,288.05)	(11,691.22)
Legal - Based on No. of Investigations	.481%	(6,814.89)	(4,058.44)	(4,268.82)
Office of Business Services - Based on Prev Yr Exp		(6,822.74)	0.00	0.00
Office of Health & Medical Rel Bds - Based on Pre Yr Exp	0.000%	0.00	0.00	0.00
Remittance to General Fund - Proviso 81.3	10.00%	(6,117.32)	(8,014.96)	0.00
Communications-Based on Prev Yr Exp	.864%	(1,815.14)	(1,988.47)	(1,094.77)
Immigration Proviso 81.8-Based on Prev Yr Exp	.864%	(1,661.42)	(1,636.36)	(891.92)
Osha Proviso 81.7-Based on Prev Yr Exp	.864%	(3,349.32)	(3,668.64)	0.00
Total Indirect Expenditures (Overhead)		(70,836.14)	(65,243.63)	(43,267.85)
 NET		 (104,003.13)	 83,281.01	 (64,369.08)
 Year End Balance		 (18,437.11)	 64,843.90	 474.82



ELECTRONIC CONTINUING EDUCATION MONITORING SYSTEM

OBJECTIVES:

- **Increase continuing education compliance**
- **Obtain 100% continuing education audit of South Carolina licensees that are required to complete continuing education**
- **Simplify continuing education auditing for Board administration**
- **Reduce the resources used to complete an audit and other continuing education related tasks.**
- **Simplify continuing education tracking and reporting for licensees**
- **Increase the resources available for licensees to help complete required continuing education**



Automate & Simplify

—— Working with CE Broker ——



Why CE Broker

License renewal should be simple. Licensed professionals are always driven to learn through both professional experience and continuing education. Stressing about requirements for renewal shouldn't be part of the job description. We believe that regulating agencies should be able to lift the burden of tracking compliance off of their licensees and place it on an electronic system that converts their data into a clear list of what they've done, what they need, and when it's required.

Simplifying CE doesn't only benefit the licensees. Since all CE is accounted for electronically with CE Broker, audits are transformed from cluttered, paperwork-ridden investigations into quick, accurate verifications. You and your staff can spend more time advancing the interests and education of your licensees.

A History of Excellence

As a company that is driven by the goal of simplifying the license renewal process and impact of regulation, we have worked over 12 years to perfect solutions for licensed professionals, associations, boards, and educational providers on state and national levels.

By integrating the CE Broker tracking system with its license renewal system, the Florida Department of Health has seen over a 30% increase in CE compliance and a projected savings of \$515,000 annually.

"Our experience with CE Broker has been exceptional. We have been a provider of continuing education since 1999. During that time we have worked with many state governments who have reporting systems, but none compare to CE Broker's system. It is easy for consumers, easy for providers to report and it has great customer service. That stability means that you get competent, accurate answers to your questions every time you call.

If you are a state administrator and you want to put some fairness and accountability into your state CE program, without increasing costs for your state, why not select a company with a great record."

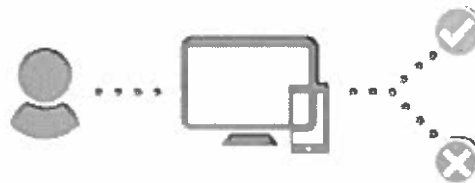
- Todd Mowl, Elite CME Inc.

Audits Reinvented

Whether you audit your licensees at the time of renewal or as a post audit, you will now have the ability to audit 100% of your licensee population.

Option 1 – 100% audit of CE at the time of renewal

- By using CE Broker's API, licensees can see their CE compliance status on your website. When licensees renew, your system can query our database in real-time to verify CE compliance.
- If the licensee is not in compliance in the tracking system, they must report any missing CE before they are allowed to proceed with renewal.
- Eliminates the need for any paper audit, as all information is stored in the CE Broker database and is accessible 24X7.



Option 2 – 100% post audit

- Members demonstrate compliance prior to the audit by reporting CE to their records and attest to their completion.
- Audit staff can log in through a separate user interface to run compliance reports and review records of licensees under audit.
- Licensees who do not show compliance by the end of the biennium will be subject to a manual audit. Those that are manually audited will be granted access into the tracking system so that they can respond to the audit electronically. All supporting documentation will be gathered in CE Broker, eliminating the need for licensees to mail documentation to the auditor.
- When a licensee is deemed compliant, a "pass" letter can be automatically generated.



Educational Providers

There are many ways to approve educational providers and courses. All of this can be accommodated online through CE Broker.

Your Board staff secure account will include:

- Paperless communications between the staff and educational providers. Messages are automatically sent, as requested, to the educational provider as the staff reviewers and approvers process each application.
- Approval queues with color-coding and reminder messages.
- Review flow where applications requiring approval can be routed to others, such as committee members or approving groups.
- Link to request additional information from the respective educational provider.
- History of requests and responses.

Free Course Search

Approved providers can advertise courses in the CE Broker course search. Licensees can find hundreds of courses guaranteed to apply towards renewal requirements.

Reporting Options

Having approved providers report directly into CE Broker for your licensees ensures that all course credit completed is from a valid source.

A wide range of methods is available to providers to report course completions. Options include direct online entry, file uploads, and system-to-system interfaces.

We recommend that the Board staff specifies an amount of time in which providers must report.



We'll Take the Questions

Our Support Center serves your Board as well as your licensees. Having a Support Center dedicated to assisting licensees will drastically reduce calls to your staff.

Your Board

The CE Broker Support Center performs all of the system set up & modifications for you. You only need to use the system, not configure it! Our team is ready to help your staff understand how the system works.

Your Licensees

Your licensees may contact the CE Broker Support Center via a toll-free phone number, email, or live chat. Our Support Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Eastern time, except for Florida State holidays.

The CE Experts are skilled and thoroughly trained on the CE Broker system. They are dedicated to providing first class customer support and will be trained on your Board's rules and requirements.

"CE Broker has great customer service. I have always been impressed with the speed of the replies and the level of knowledge each person possesses."

- Ivy Hultquist, RN

2015 CE Broker Support Center Stats



Calls
124,792



Live Chat
58,179



Emails
22,383

Marketing Support

Let us help you spread the good news!

Our marketing and graphic design team would love to help you craft instructional materials and awareness campaigns to help make this implementation as effective as possible. We offer custom flyers, newsletters, emails, and supportive web graphics. Any kind of marketing support is provided at no charge.

Pricing

We can offer you our fully-featured compliance suite at no cost:

- CE compliance tracking
- Paperless, streamlined audits
- Promotional marketing materials
- Phone, chat and email support for educational providers, Board staff and licensees

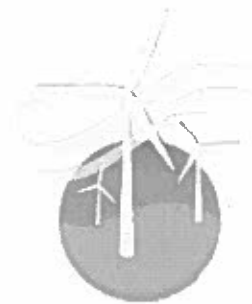
This model is funded by individual licensee subscriptions and is dependent upon clear communications from your Board. Our marketing department will work directly with you to help educate licensees on CE Broker and how they benefit from the various account options. We will not be aggressive in the marketing of our paid services and will instead focus on the benefits of our free account. As they learn more about CE Broker, we are confident licensees will voluntarily opt for the Professional or Concierge Account over time.

Our Business Model

These services are available at no cost to the State regulating entity, ever. We gain revenue from licensee, business and Association-provided paid accounts (Professional, Concierge, and Business Models.) Currently, we have over **250 Business Accounts**. 13% of the licensee population voluntarily opt to use a Professional Account.

Certified Green Energy

CE Broker is fueled by Green-e ® certified renewable energy. The Green-e ® program certifies that the Renewable Energy Certificates we purchase meet strict environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resources Solution.



Thank You!

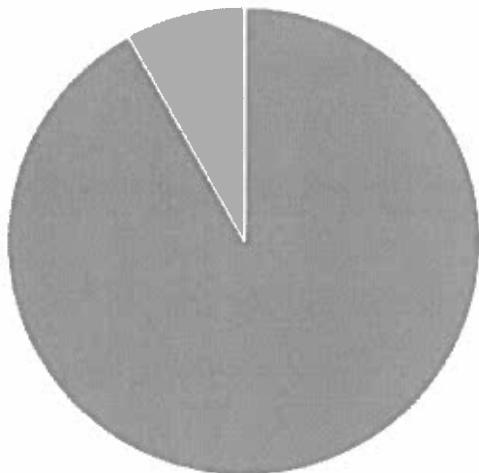
We are extremely grateful you have taken the time to read through this white paper, and are eager to speak with you about simplifying continuing education management at your organization. Please contact us for a demonstration of the system.

Home > [Communication Center](#) > **Audit Dashboard**

USER: CE PROVIDER VERIFICATION, Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Audit Dashboard	
Board	Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Au ▼
Profession	AY - Audiologist - Ohio ▼
Timeframe	12/31/2014 ▼
Search	

Transcript Status



Complete (91.84%)
 Incomplete (8.16%)

Audit Summary

49 total selected for audit

Activity Report: 61.63% Active

18.37% Inactive

Workflow Status: 0.00% Unreviewed

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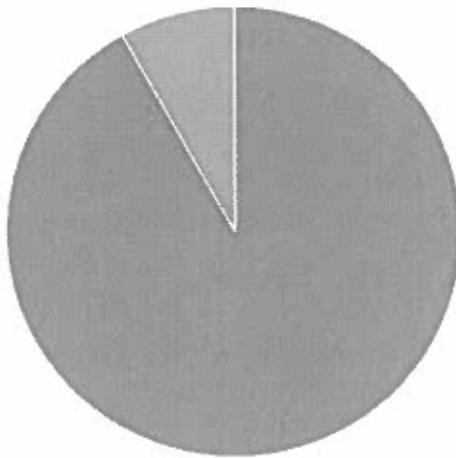
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License #	Last Name	First Name	Email	Activity Status	Transcript Status	Workflow Status	Compliance Status
A.00126	BEREZIN	MARCIA		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00693	BLANAR	CAROL		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00559	BOOPER	SHERYL		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00531	BOUEIN	FELICIA		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00375	BOYER	PAULINE		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.01753	BRANKHAM	AUDRA		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00256	BROSIOUS	MICHELE		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓
A.00177	BURLEY	ROBERT		Active	100%	Review Complete	✓

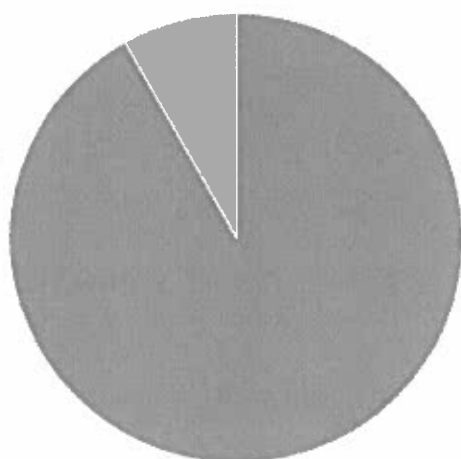
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A.01811	HOLDERMAN	KRISTA		Active	55%	Review Complete	✗ ⚠ ✓
A.00981	SCHUNEMAN	JOHN		Active	95%	Review Complete	✗ ⚠ ✓
A.00382	VAFAYVAS	DENISE		Active	50%	Review Complete	⚠ ⚠ ✓

DASHBOARD

Basic Account – RN - Florida

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Welcome, Jane G Poe

Basic Account

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Not Complete

Not complete? To figure out what's still missing, compare your course completions for the current license cycle to your [renewal requirements](#).

Let us calculate compliance for you. [Upgrade to the Professional Account today.](#)



My Course History

The course History below is a chronological listing of courses that have been reported to CE Broker, it includes courses posted for all licenses that are linked on your profile. It does not indicate whether or not your requirements are fulfilled.

Course (Links to course detail)	Date Completed	Hours	Digital Storage	Rating
KCVZXCX	01/03/2016	5	Only available with the Professional Account	☆☆☆☆
CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH OPEN ABDOMEN	12/19/2015	0	Only available with the Professional Account	☆☆☆☆

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Basic Account

CE Compliance Status

 Not Complete

Report Hours/Exemptions

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Report Continuing Education



Report CE/CME one by one or all at once.

Select which of the options below is most appropriate for your reporting needs. To report multiple CE/CME activities, select *Quick Report*.

Quick Report

Report CE/CME

Report Exemption

CE/CME Reported by Board

Quick Report

Medical Errors Course Approved by the Board

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Begin

Domestic Violence Course Approved by the Board

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Begin

Laws & Rules of the Board Course Approved by the Board

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Begin

HIV/AIDS Course Approved by the Board

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Begin

General CE approved by the Board

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Begin

General CE course approved by a national nursing organization or another state Board of Nursing

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Begin

Report CE/CME

Report Exemption

CE/CME Reported by Board

Quick Report

Select License Period: 05/01/2018 - 04/30/2020



An exemption has already been reported for the selected cycle. [Click Here](#)

Report CE/CME

Report Exemption

CE/CME Reported by Board

Quick Report

Volunteer Expert Witness

The Florida Board of Nursing will be posting your hours for this type of CE. Please mail your documentation directly to: FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING 4052 BALD CYPRESS WAY BIN C-02 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-3252

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Volunteer at a School

The Florida Board of Nursing will be posting your hours for Volunteer at School. You will not be self reporting these hours. Please mail your documentation directly to: FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING 4052 BALD CYPRESS WAY BIN C-02 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-3252

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Former Board Member Serving on a Probable Cause Panel

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Volunteer Health Care Provider Program

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Professional Account – RN - Georgia

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Welcome, Jane Doe

Professional Account Dashboard

Renewal Transcripts

CE Compliance Status

✓ Complete

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RN99999999

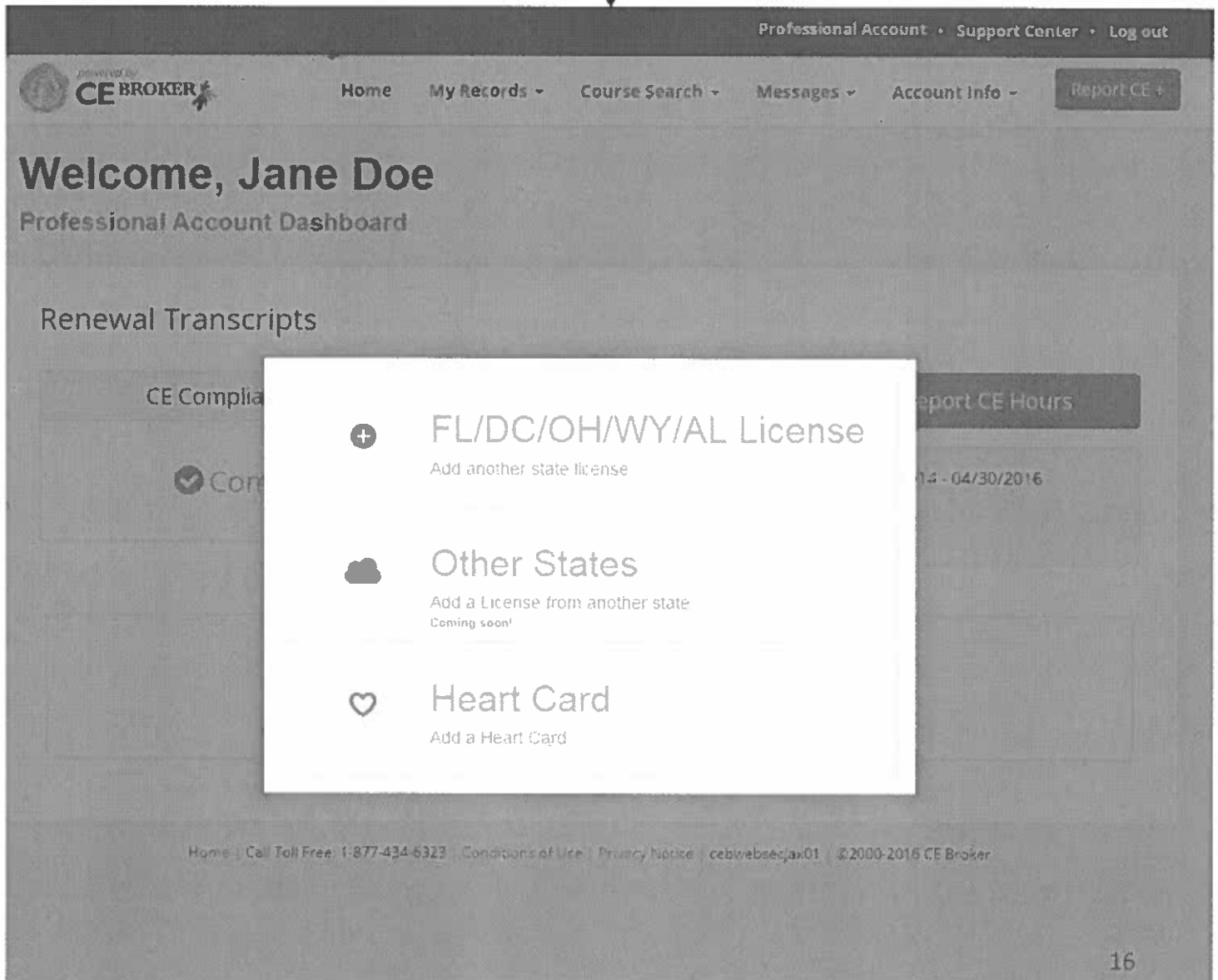
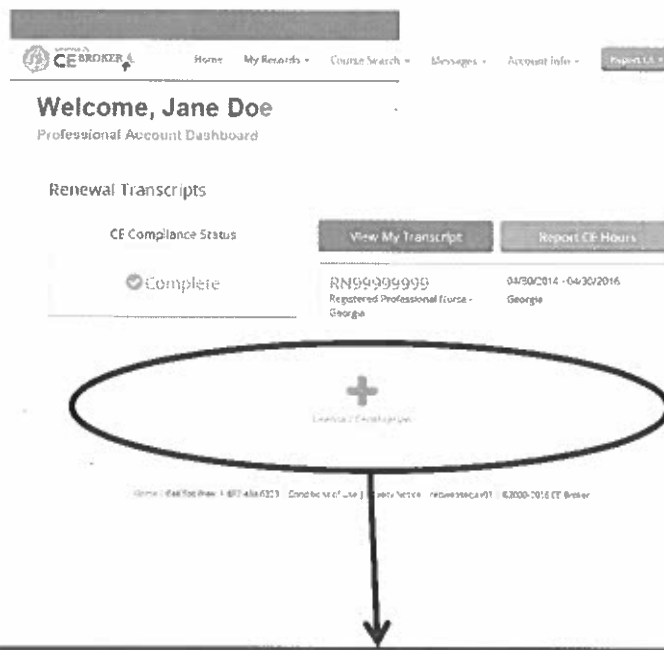
Registered Professional Nurse -
Georgia

04/30/2014 - 04/30/2016

Georgia



License / Certification



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Welcome, Jane Doe
Professional Account Dashboard

Renewal Transcripts

CE Compliance Status **Complete**

View My Transcript Report CE Hours

RN99999999
Registered Professional Nurse - Georgia 04/30/2014 - 04/30/2016

+

Link to Transcript

Home | Call Toll Free 1-877-334-6323 | Customer Support | Privacy Policy | Renewal Transcript | 04/30/2016 CE Broker

License Transcript

Complete

Name **Jane Doe**

Transcript Name **RN99999999**

Profession **Registered Professional Nurse - Georgia**

Completion Date **01/31/2014**

Days Remaining **0**

Status **Active**

Scenario **RN, First Renewal**

Transcript Dates **04/30/2012 - 01/31/2014**

Printed Date **06-JAN-2016**



Subject Area

General

Test

01/01/2014

Total Hours:

Hours Required	Hours Posted	Hours Needed
30	30	0
	30	
30	30	0



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Report Continuing Education

Report CE/CME

Report Exemption

Option 1 - Georgia Nursing Continuing Education

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Begin

Report multiple courses from a single provider transcript

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Begin



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Report Continuing Education

Report CE/CME

Report Exemption

Select License Period: 04/30/2012 - 01/31/2014



Option 2 - Maintenance of Certification or Recertification

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Option 3 - Completion of accredited academic program of study

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Option 4 - Verification of competency and 500 hours practice

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Option 5 - Board approved re-entry prog. or graduation from a nursing ed. prog.

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Professional Account – MD - Florida

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Welcome, Jane G Poe

Professional Account Dashboard

Renewal Transcripts

CE Compliance Status

✓ Complete

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ME999999999
Medical Doctor

02/01/2014 - 01/31/2016
Florida



[License / Certification](#)

License Transcript

☒ Complete

Name JANE G POE
Transcript Name ME99999999
Profession Medical Doctor
Completion Date 01/31/2016
Days Remaining 25
Status Active/Clear
Scenario ME, Standard
Transcript Dates 02/01/2014 - 01/31/2016
Printed Date 06-JAN-2016



Subject Area

		Hours Required	Hours Posted	Hours Needed
Medical Errors		2	9	0
EXAMPLE COURSE	12/31/2014		2	
COOL	01/01/2016		4	
Excess Hours not applied: 2				
COOL NAME	01/01/2016		3	
Excess Hours not applied: 3				
General (AMA Category I)		36	48.25	0
MEDICINE	01/26/2015		2	
2015 FACP FAMILY MEDICINE SPRING FORUM - GENERAL SESSION	04/26/2015		20.75	
Excess Hours not applied: 4.25				
MAYO CLINIC LIVE	08/09/2015		1	
Excess Hours not applied: 1				
COOL	01/01/2016		4	
Excess Hours not applied: 4				
COOL NAME	01/01/2016		3	
Excess Hours not applied: 3				
COOL	01/01/2016		4	
COOL NAME	01/01/2016		3	
NAME	01/01/2016		3	
COOL NAME	01/01/2016		3.5	
COOL	01/01/2016		4	
Domestic Violence		2	10	0
COOL	01/01/2016		4	
Excess Hours not applied: 4				
COOL NAME	01/01/2016		3	
Excess Hours not applied: 3				
MAYO LIVE EVENT	06/23/2015		3	
Excess Hours not applied: 1				
Total Hours:		40	67.25	0

Course Detail

Tracking # 20-509220

License Number **ME99999999**
 Course Name **MAYO LIVE EVENT**
 Provider **CEBROKER TEST PROVIDER**
 Course Type **Live**
 Delivery Method **Class (opportunity for interaction with presenter/host)**

Profession	Earned Hours
Medical Doctor	
Domestic Violence (AMA Category I)	3

Course Search

Medical Doctor

1 Course Type

2 Search Options

3 Review Results

Review Results

Criteria

OPEN ▾

Below are the courses that fit your desired criteria. CE Broker does not offer these courses but is the impartial Course Search for approved educational providers. You can sort the courses or change your search criteria by clicking "Refine Search."

Refine Search

Sort By: [Random ▾]

Display: 20 ▾

Response time: 1.2 seconds

Page 1 Next >

Course Name / Educational Provider	Delivery Method	Total Hours	Price	Save
PL VOICES - CLINICAL RECOMMENDATIONS MAY ... PRESCRIBER'S LETTER/THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH CENTER	Home Study	1	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
MINDFULNESS AND PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH RON ... THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE CLINICAL	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	24	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
INFECTION CONTROL FOR PHYSICIANS UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	2	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
GERIATRIC ABDOMINAL EMERGENCIES THE SULLIVAN GROUP	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	2	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME ONCOURSE LEARNING	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	1	\$15.00	<input type="radio"/>
PAITALA: BASICS THE SULLIVAN GROUP	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	2	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
9862: FOODBORNE ILLNESS NETCE - NETCE.COM	Home Study	10	\$29.00	<input type="radio"/>
MEDICAL ERRORS AND RISK MANAGEMENT: IMP... PRIME EDUCATION, INC. (PRIME)	Home Study	2	\$29.00	<input type="radio"/>
PL VOICES : PRESCRIBING INSIGHTS ROUNDTABL... PRESCRIBER'S LETTER/THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH CENTER	Home Study	1	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>
ELECTRONIC FETAL HEART RATE MONITORING: ... THE SULLIVAN GROUP	Computer-Ba... (ie: online cou...	3	Contact Provider	<input type="radio"/>

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Multiple Florida licenses

If you have multiple Florida licenses, you do not need to create an additional CE Broker account. You can tra

MAR 04, 2015 02:20PM EST



Do providers report for me?

Florida Statute 456.025(7) requires educational providers approved by the Florida Department of Health to elec

SEP 09, 2015 11:47AM EDT



How do I edit/delete CE postings?

There are two types of postings - things providers report for you, and things you report yourself

JUN 23, 2015 02:00PM EDT



Can I use CE Broker for any other state besides Florida?

Currently CE Broker tracks continuing education for the Florida Department of Health, the DC Board of Nursing

OCT 09, 2015 03:37PM EDT



Certificates of completion

The educational provider that offered the course is responsible for issuing you a certificate of completion. Y...

APR 17, 2015 01:08PM EDT



Does CE Broker offer courses?

No CE Broker is a tracking system, we do not offer the courses. If you would like to take courses, click

MAR 03, 2015 06:49PM EST

Have a question about your CE requirements?

We are here to help. Contact us Monday-Friday 8AM-8PM EST.



Email us at

support@cebroker.com



Call us at

1-877-434-6323



LiveChat with an expert

[Live chat now](#)

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November 26, 2014

To All Interested Parties

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for CE Broker.

During my 17 year tenure with the Florida Medical Association, I have held several different positions including Manager of Accreditation Services, Director of Education, Vice President of Education and most recently, Senior Vice President of Education & Membership. In working with the education and membership functions of the FMA, one important responsibility has been to cultivate and foster relationships with vendors and organizations that offer services and products of benefit to our members - physicians licensed in the state of Florida. It has been my pleasure to have helped forge and now manage our vendor partnership with CE Broker for the past several years.

In my experience, I have found that CE Broker shows the utmost professionalism in its dealings with stakeholders. The company's leadership is quick to listen to the medical community and responds quickly and proactively to address concerns, critiques, and requests for additional services. The online products and customer services they provide have proven invaluable to the FMA and our members. Their CE tracking system is a beneficial resource for Florida-licensed physicians, both those who reside and practice within the state, as well as those who maintain a Florida license but practice outside the state. Overall, CE Broker and its staff consistently provide the high level of service you would expect from a prominent State vendor.

Our members have particularly enjoyed the Concierge service and the mobile apps. We have also appreciated CE Broker's commitment to send representatives to our educational conferences and events whenever requested. The FMA always receives prompt and courteous service from the CE Broker support center whose staff goes above and beyond expectations to ensure that we receive everything we need to maintain our status as a reporting educational provider in Florida. We really could not ask for anything more.

I look forward to seeing the products and services that CE Broker will develop in the years to come. Please feel free to contact me at 800.762.0233 if I can provide additional assistance or information.

Regards,

Melissa Carter
Sr. VP of Education & Membership



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December 19, 2014

To all interested parties:

As the Executive Director for the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for CE Broker.

Our association has worked closely with CE Broker since 2004, and I am always impressed by their professionalism and attentiveness to the concerns and interests of our members and of the medical community in Florida.

FOMA was the first professional association to partner with CE Broker to provide Professional accounts as a member benefit. Our members value this service and only have positive things to say about CE Broker and their staff. FOMA also reports continuing education for our members, and I have always been pleased by the accuracy and ease of use of the educational provider system.

I would recommend CE Broker to any State agency and applaud the Florida Department of Health for using such a beneficial system to help healthcare professionals stay on top of their CME requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen R. Winn

Stephen R. Winn
Executive Director

Branches	Number of Optometrist	Total
1	1177	1777
2	103	206
3	16	48
4	3	12
Grand Total	1443	



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DATE: May 4, 2016
TO: All Licensed Optometrists in South Carolina
FROM: April Koon, Administrator
SUBJECT: South Carolina Chapter 95 Regulation 95-2 (B)

The South Carolina Examiners in Optometry Board would like to remind all licensees of South Carolina Code of Regulations §95-2 (B). This regulation states that an "optometrist cannot designate him/herself as a specialist in any area of optometric practice unless he or she holds a certification from a creditable national organization recognized by the Board." All licensees must hold a certification from a credible national organization recognized by the Board before designating themselves as specialists. The state statutes and regulations governing the practice of Optometry can be found online at:

www.llronline.com/pol/optometry.

Please visit the Board's webpage at <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Optometry/> on a regular basis to stay current on the latest information regarding your license.



SC Board of Examiners in Optometry
ATTN: Dr. Derek Van Veen
110 Centerview Drive Suite 202
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-4710

October 20, 2015

OCT 23 2015

Dear Dr. Van Veen:

This week an issue was brought to my attention by one of my technicians. While shopping at Wal-Mart, he and his one-year-old daughter came upon a vision screening station inside the store. The store at this particular location has a vision center where eye examinations and eyeglasses can be obtained.

The screening was performed by volunteers from the Lion's Club, and there were optical employees in white lab coats present. At no time were there any licensed doctors present at the the screening station. The screening consisted of a single photograph taken with the WelchAllyn Spot Vision Screener (www.welchallyn.com). Following the screening, a nice printout was provided which recommended a "Complete Eye Exam" apparently for "gaze asymmetry." There were no other tests performed.

At one time, the Board had a policy of not allowing unlicensed personnel operate auto refractors or similarly-based technology during a vision screening. Is this policy still in effect? If so, does the Board believe that the use of the WelchAllyn Spot Vision Screener violates this policy, particularly when it is adjacent to an optometry/optical department?

Sincerely,

David Hamill, O.D.

Encl: Ad flyer and Spot Screener Report

EyeMed Vision Care
4000 Luxottica Place
Mason, OH 45040

Phone
513.765.6000

Online
eyemed.com



May 3, 2016

April Koon
Administrator – South Carolina Board of Optometry
South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Via Electronic Mail to: AprilKoon@llr.sc.gov and Regular Mail

Re: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office Licensure

Dear Administrator Koon,

EyeMed Vision Care, a managed vision care plan, based in Mason, OH with more than 750,000 funded lives in the State of South Carolina, desires to create expanded and convenient access to eye care and eyewear for our employer clients and their employees. Our communication with employers who provide vision care benefits has elicited numerous requests for an onsite eye clinic to create easier opportunities for employees to receive professional care and materials, as needed. With the average eye care utilization of 33% in voluntary managed vision care plans, there is a great opportunity to increase the number of individuals that receive eye examinations and treatment.

With the delivery of health care services changing in our country, there are more employers every year adding onsite health and wellness services. Based on the success of onsite health clinics, wellness centers, exercise facilities, etc.; employers are investigating options in eye care to remain competitive in their respective industries. At EyeMed, we believe this is a logical evolution to the delivery of eye care and eyewear.

EyeMed would like to confirm that it is permissible under South Carolina law for state licensed optometrists to participate in short term vision clinics sponsored by employers in South Carolina who provide vision care benefits to their employees. The question specifically concerns the applicability of the branch office license requirements of S.C. Code Ann. 40-37-240 (C) and any other pertinent requirements for participation in such events. We would like to understand whether South Carolina licensed optometrists must obtain branch office licenses, and confirm any additional conditions, limitations, or specific requirements that doctors must comply with in order to participate in short term clinics.



The clinics would be managed using the following principles and guidelines:

- The instrumentation used for the clinics will allow for the delivery of a comprehensive eye examination (CPT 92004/92014) plus refraction (CPT 92015).
- HIPAA standards will be maintained at all times.
- The clinical and technical standards listed in the EyeMed Professional Provider Manual will be followed.
- Professional providers [South Carolina Licensed Optometrists] will be recruited for the onsite clinics from both independent and retail affiliated providers in the local area surrounding the employer location. This will allow for self-referral for any needed medical eye care as well as ongoing care/recalls.
- Participating providers will display certificates of licensure, provide primary practice identification information, and maintain patient records as required.
- A licensed optician will be present at all onsite clinics to provide services related to materials selection, dispensing and repairs.
- A selection of ~400-450 frames will be available for selection and lenses ordered from a laboratory in the EyeMed Laboratory Network. Should a member not desire any of the frames in the selection, they can complete the eyewear fulfillment at a local participating provider.

It is anticipated that most employers will request one to two week onsite clinic coverage with larger employers possibly seeking two different clinic dates per year. The value to the employer and employees can be realized in the list of benefits below:

- Convenient employee access to comprehensive eye examinations plus refraction at work location and during working hours
- Early identification and treatment of refractive errors
- Refractive correction specific for the work tasks to maintain and potentially increase productivity
- Early identification and treatment of eye disease
- Early identification of chronic, high-risk systemic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, etc.
- Employee education concerning prevention from the dangers of ultra-violet and high-energy visible wavelengths of light

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Please let us know what additional information the Board of Optometry may require to approve this request. Understanding that there will likely be questions concerning this request, an EyeMed representative will be available by telephone during the May 4 Board meeting to discuss this matter and answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me at 513-833-5529, or feel free to reach out to EyeMed's Medical Director, Dr. John Lahr at 513-300-1683 with questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meghan M. Ellis".

**Meghan M. Ellis
Project Manager
EyeMed Vision Care**

From: Gedney, Ryan [<mailto:gedneyr@musc.edu>]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 1:36 PM
To: Contact.Optomtry
Subject: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

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Thank you!

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Missy Jones

From: Meetingservices@cio.sc.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 9:37 AM
To: Missy Jones
Subject: Conference Confirmation - Missy Jones-LLR

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Attention: Missy Jones
Agency: Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - LLR
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Title: Missy Jones-LLR
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Participants: 3

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Missy Jones

From: Gedney, Ryan <gedneyj@musc.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 3:29 PM
To: April Koon
Cc: Missy Jones
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

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Absolutely.

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From: April Koon [mailto:April.Koon@llr.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Gedney, Ryan
Cc: Missy Jones
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

We are in Columbia.

We will get a phone conference set up tomorrow morning and email you the information for the dial in on Wednesday. We start at 3pm but may not make it to your discussion topic until around 3:30 or 4pm depending on how the meeting flows. The best thing for us to do is get a direct number from you so we can call you at to let you know when we are ready for you to dial in.

Thank you.

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To: April Koon
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

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You guys are located in Columbia correct? I probably won't be able to make it up there from Charleston in person on Wednesday afternoon. But I would be happy to call in to a conference number, or discuss via Skype – just in case the Board has any further questions.

I would be happy to provide any other information that may be helpful in finding an answer so that we are prepared for Wednesday. I appreciate the help!

Ryan

From: April Koon [<mailto:April.Koon@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 11:42 AM
To: Gedney, Ryan
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

Good morning,

Our Advice Attorney has stated that your question would need to go before the full Board. We meet this Wednesday at 3PM. You are welcome to come and ask the Board or I can present your email in your absence for them to give guidance. You just let me know which way works for you. I hope to get a solution for you and thank you again for your patience.

Thank you.

*April Koon
Administrator
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From: April Koon
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2016 1:00 PM
To: 'Gedney, Ryan'
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

They have been in meetings most of the week but I hope to hear something soon. Thank you for your patience.

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April,

I just wanted to check in to see how things were going. Did your Advice Attorney get a chance to review?

Thanks!

Ryan

From: April Koon [<mailto:April.Koon@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Gedney, Ryan
Subject: RE: Eyewear Re-use Regulations

I am consulting with our Advice Attorney and I will be back in touch soon.

Thanks.

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Missy Jones

From: Ellis, Meghan <MEllis1@eyemed.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Missy Jones
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

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My cell phone is 513-833-5529 ☺ I am on standby all afternoon, so please let me know the best time to call in - I'll plan on 4:30pm at this time.

Meghan Ellis | Manager, Market Collaboration



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From: Missy Jones [mailto:missy.jones@llr.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:14 PM
To: Ellis, Meghan
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

What is a good number to reach you in case you can call in sooner or may be later?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 1:12 PM
To: Missy Jones <missy.jones@llr.sc.gov>
Cc: Phelan, Patrick <PPhelan@eyemed.com>
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

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Hello Ms. Jones-

I will be calling in today at 4:30pm to represent EyeMed and the temporary vision care clinics. If any issues arise, I will try your cell phone. I look forward to speaking with the Board and providing more information on this program. If there is anything I can provide in the time being, please let me know.

Thank you for the consideration!

Meghan Ellis | Manager, Market Collaboration



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Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Phelan, Patrick
Cc: Ellis, Meghan
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

Mr. Phelan,

Below are the instructions for the conference call I have set up for tomorrow. Just in case you have issues with this call, my cell phone number is 803-238-1312. I will have my cell phone with me tomorrow. You may want to wait until 4:30 to call in. We have one other conference call set up.

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Subject: Confirmation Notification: Conference call successfully reserved

Attention: Missy Jones
Agency: Labor, Licensing, and Regulation - LLR
Email: missy.jones@llr.sc.gov

Title: Missy Jones-LLR
Date: Wed 05/04/2016
Starting: 3:30pm EST+ DST (Eastern)

Conferee Code: 252231

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Good morning.

Is there a call in number to attend the meeting today?

Thank You.

Patrick Phelan

From: Missy Jones [<mailto:missy.jones@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Phelan, Patrick
Cc: Ellis, Meghan; Lahr John; April Koon
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

Your letter is on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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Good afternoon Ms. Jones

Per our conversation this morning, I am forwarding the attached letter to the attention of Administrator Koon on behalf of EyeMed Vision Care [EyeMed] concerning the above matter.

The letter explains in more detail the temporary vision clinics that will be before the Board for discussion at tomorrow's meeting, and our request for information concerning the potential need for branch office licensure and any other requirements.

My colleague Meghan Ellis from EyeMed will be available during the meeting by telephone to answer any questions.

Please let us know if there is a call in number to attend.

Again, I apologize for sending the letter at this late date.

Please let us know if you have any questions in advance of the meeting.

Thank you.

Patrick Phelan

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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Phelan, Patrick
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

Mr. Phelan,

Your topic has been added to the Optometry Board's May 4, 2016 agenda. Please provide me with any information you would like for the review by April 29, 2016. Also please let me know if you would like to attend this meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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Good afternoon Ms. Jones-

This follows my voice mail to your office this morning.

EyeMed Vision Care would like to put the question below [which we previously discussed back in January] before the Board at its next regular meeting.

Can you please advise what we would need to do to get on the agenda?

I would be happy to submit a formal written request with additional details as necessary.

Thank you.

Patrick Phelan

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From: Missy Jones [<mailto:missy.jones@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 3:18 PM
To: Phelan, Patrick
Subject: RE: Temporary Vision Care Clinics- Branch Office License Required?

Dr. Phelan,

I am in receipt of your questions. I will speak with the Board's President and attorney and hopefully have a response for you by next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

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Good afternoon Ms. Jones-

Thanks for your time this afternoon.

Per our discussion, I would like to confirm if there are any special requirements under SC law for state licensed optometrists who wish to participate in short term vision clinics sponsored by employers in SC. My question specifically concerns the applicability of the branch office license requirements of S.C. Code Ann 40-37-240(C), and any other pertinent requirements.

The specifics of the clinic would be as follows:

1. An employer who provides vision benefits to its employees wants to offer a short term vision care clinic on the employer worksite to encourage eye health wellness and benefit utilization.
2. A temporary eye care clinic containing all necessary equipment will be established at the employer facility.
3. The clinic will be staffed by a SC licensed optometrist who is a provider under the employer's vision benefit plan, and run for 3-5 days.
4. The optometrist will provide full scope eye exams to the employees, and write prescriptions as necessary.
5. Employees will use their vision benefits, paying the applicable co-pays to the doctor, who will also submit claims for reimbursement to the vision benefit provider.
6. The doctors will perform all examinations and maintain all patient records in accordance with professional standards of care or state requirements, as applicable.

I appreciate your forwarding this question to the appropriate representatives of the SC Board of optometry.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thanks very much for your assistance.

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