

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION**

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
AUTHORITY FOR GUIDANCE

OCTOBER 20, 2022
DATE OF POLICY

22-001
POLICY NO.

POLICY STATEMENT

**DIAGNOSTIC PHARMACEUTICAL AGENT AUTHORITY AND THERAPEUTIC
AGENT PHARMACEUTICAL AUTHORITY**

The District of Columbia Board of Optometry voted at its **October 20, 2022** Board meeting to no longer grant sole or singular Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agent (DPA) authority (as outlined in Board Rule DCMR 17-6412) to optometrists licensed in the District of Columbia. The Board will only be granting Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) authority (as outlined in Board Rule DCMR 17-6413) to optometrists licensed in the District of Columbia which will also include DPA authority.