

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**AMENDED PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Mississippi State Board of Optometry issued a proclamation announcing that it would comply with Governor Tate Reeves' Proclamation and take those steps necessary to address access to needed optometric service/care for people in the State of Mississippi during this time of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and prevention (CDC) still identify the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "very high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the US; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Optometry recognizing that the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and is still communicating regularly with government officials to monitor developments of the outbreak recommend to optometrists that they abide by the **Mississippi Department of Health** and **State Health Officer Advisories** recommending to defer elective procedures and postpone all routine eye exams--a routine eye exam visit is defined by the doctor as it pertains to the patient's symptoms, diagnosis and treatment; and

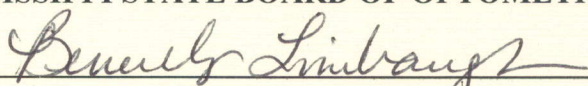
**NOW THEREFORE**, from the date of this amended proclamation it is recommended that optometrists delay referrals for elective procedures and postpone all routine eye exams until action taken by the Governor of the State of Mississippi lifts the Emergency.

**FURTHER**, the Executive Director shall provide notice to all licensees at such time as the Governor's Proclamation relating to the Emergency has been lifted by posting this information on the website.

**FURTHER**, except as amended herein, the Proclamation of the Board issued on March 18, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

**SO ORDERED AND APPROVED** by the Mississippi State Board of Optometry, this the 2nd day of April, 2020.

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Beverly Limbaugh, Executive Director