

General Formulary of Approved Pharmaceutical Agents for Certified Optometrists

Pursuant to RSA 327:6-a VI the New Hampshire Board of Optometry is authorized to approve medications available to Optometrists certified under RSA 327:6-a or RSA 327:6-c for prescription or dispensing of samples.

All certified optometrists are authorized to write, and pharmacists are authorized to fill, prescriptions for drugs listed in the Formulary below for the diagnosis or treatment of disease or conditions of the human eye, eyelids, or adnexa.

The Board hereby approves the following classes of pharmaceutical agents as available to Optometrists to the extent allowed in RSA 327 and if approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration as follows.

The Board reserves the right to exclude any pharmaceutical agents.

Topical Pharmaceutical Agents Approved By the New Hampshire Board of Optometry

Pursuant to RSA 327:6-a,VI, the New Hampshire Board Optometry approves all over-the-counter and prescription topical pharmaceutical agents, diagnostic, and therapeutic that are within the scope of optometric practice and to the extent allowed in RSA 327. Currently, no topical ophthalmic pharmaceutical agents are excluded. Only TPA/g certified optometrists may prescribe topical anti-glaucoma medications.

Oral Pharmaceutical Agents Approved By the New Hampshire Board of Optometry

Pursuant to RSA 327:6-a,VI, the New Hampshire Board of Optometry approves the following over-the-counter and prescription oral pharmaceutical agents, diagnostic and therapeutic, that are within the scope of optometric practice and to the extent allowed in RSA 327.

- Anti-allergy agents: Entire category approved
- Anti-infective agents (including but not limited to antibiotics and antivirals): Entire category approved
- Anti-glaucoma agents: Entire category approved - TPA/g Certified Optometrists only
- Corticosteroid agents: Entire category approved
- Miotic agents: Entire category approved
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents: Entire category approved

Controlled Substances and Non-Controlled Analgesics

Pursuant to RSA 327:6-a,VI, the New Hampshire Board of Optometry approves the following over-the-counter and prescription oral pharmaceutical agents, diagnostic and therapeutic, that are within the scope of optometric practice and to the extent allowed in RSA 327.

With respect to controlled substances: No optometrist is authorized to possess, administer, prescribe, or dispense controlled substances in Schedules I or II, unless allowed by statute. Certified optometrists who wish to write prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, or V must first obtain a DEA permit.

— All controlled and non-controlled oral analgesics which are used for the treatment of eye diseases and not to exceed Schedule III limits, unless allowed by statute

— Acetaminophen with Codeine: Not to exceed 30mg of Codeine

Injectable Agents

Pursuant to RSA 327:6-a,VI the New Hampshire Board of Optometry approves the following injectable agents that are within the scope of optometric practice and to the extent allowed in RSA 327.

— Vaccines: Influenza, COVID-19, Herpes Zoster

— Epinephrine or equivalent medications administered or prescribed to counter anaphylaxis or anaphylactic reactions