

Optometry board: Kentucky fixes still fall short on patient safety

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A national group that tests optometrists for licensure in all 50 states is blasting Kentucky's licensing board, saying it is failing to protect the public or ensure that eye care providers are competent as it seeks to address cases of optometrists who were improperly licensed.

The state board's efforts allow "invalidly licensed optometrists to continue to practice without demonstrating compliance with regulatory requirements,

and continues (the board's) pattern of concealing information that patients need to make informed decisions about their care," said the Feb. 9 statement from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

The national board asks the Kentucky Board of Optometric Examiners to direct any optometrists not properly licensed to cease practice until they meet all requirements.

"Until these individuals earn a valid license, they should not independently see patients; they should not perform any proce-

dures on patients, prescribe or dispense medication, provide diagnoses, or perform any other functions that require a valid optometry license," the statement said.

It's the latest twist in an ongoing controversy over the board's actions in recent years to waive requirements for some optometry graduates who had not passed all required licensure exams.

Dr. Mary Beth Morris, the newly-elected president of the Kentucky board, did not immediately respond to a request for

comment.

The independent state board has broad authority over licensure and regulation of optometrists, as granted by a 2011 change in state law that also expanded optometrists' scope of practice in Kentucky.

The state board, in its most recent action, has given affected optometrists — thought to number about 21 — until 2027 to pass all required exams, including an easier Canadian version of the national test on science and medicine.

And they may take an alternative test approved

by the board for Part 3 of the national exam that tests patient skills.

Meanwhile, they may continue practicing as licensed optometrists though they will be restricted from performing some laser surgeries.

Dr. William "Chip" Richardson, a Georgetown ophthalmologist, said he agreed with the comments of the national board about the state board.

"Their emergency regulations did little to protect Kentuckians from care delivered by optometrists with waivers," he said

in an email. "How many people need to be harmed before there is a permanent fix, so there are no more questions?"

"This isn't about the students," he said. "It's about patient safety and the confidence in optometry."

EXIT CANADIAN EXAM

After 2026, all candidates seeking a Kentucky optometry license will be required to pass the three-part national exam, as they had until last year when the board allowed them to substitute the Canadian exam.

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