

## **MARK-UP OF AMENDED RULE**

### **CHAPTER V, ARTICLE VIII - PRESCRIBING ORAL STEROIDS**

#### **Section 1 -**

Before an optometrist, certified as an optometric physician, initiates treatment for an eye disorder with an oral steroid, he must take a written detailed medical history including past drug reactions, medical/general health conditions, and current medications. This must be duly noted in the patient's record. If oral steroid therapy is indicated, the prescriber must be consistent with the standard of eye care as it relates to oral steroids. ~~If the history suggests contraindications for the use of oral steroids, before prescribing a steroid, a consult with the patient's family doctor, a physician, or an ophthalmologist should be duly noted in the record.~~