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Virginia Board of Optometry Guidance on Performing Free Eye Screenings

An optometrist who performs a free eye screening does not violate applicable statutes or regulations if the following conditions are met:

- 1. The optometrist makes it clear to the public or individual person that he is performing a screening to identify possible visual or ocular conditions or disorders and is not performing a comprehensive examination for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment; and
- 2. The optometrist provides any referral recommendation to the eye doctor of the individual's or parent of a minor's choosing.