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John A. Graziano, Jr., Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Graziano:

I am writing in response to your July 17, 2013 e-mail inquiring whether the pupillary distance measurement taken by an ophthalmic dispenser is a part of the patient's prescription.

Generally speaking, the pupillary distance is not included in the prescription provided by an optometrist or physician. However, once an ophthalmic dispenser measures and records the patient's pupillary distance, it becomes part of the patient's records. As such, it would be available to the patient in accordance with the provisions of sections 29.1(b)(7) and 29.2(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents and section 18 of the Public Health Law.

I hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

Seth Rockmuller
Executive Secretary

cc. Brian Buff