

House Health Care Committee
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National Association of Vision Care Plans
Proposed Amendment to S.215

On page 2, amend subdivision (e)(4) as follows:

(4) A vision care plan shall not limit an optometrist's or ophthalmologist's choice of or relationship with optical laboratories or sources and suppliers of services or materials if:

(A) the source, supplier, or laboratory selected by the optometrist or ophthalmologist offers the services or materials at a lower cost to the optometrist or ophthalmologist consumer than the source, supplier, or laboratory selected by the vision care plan; ~~and~~

(B) the optometrist or ophthalmologist notifies the consumer in writing that the source or supplier is out-of-network and informs the enrollee of the cost of those services;

(C) the optometrist or ophthalmologist notifies the consumer in writing that warranties available from in-network sources may not be available from out-of-network sources, suppliers, or laboratories;

and

(D) the optometrist or ophthalmologist notifies the enrollee in writing that in-network sources, suppliers, or laboratories are available from his or her vision plan.

(f) The Department of Financial Regulation shall enforce the provisions of this section.