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**Legislative Change to Scope of Practice  
Effective on July 1, 2018**

During the 2018 General Assembly Session, the scope of practice for TPA-certified optometrists was amended by passage of SB511. **To review the changes that become effective on July 1, 2018 [click here](#).**

The amended section, § 54.1-3222(B)(3) includes the following statement:

*Administration of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents by injection shall be limited to the treatment of chalazia by means of injection of a steroid included in Schedule VI controlled substances as set forth in [§ 54.1-3455](#) of the Drug Control Act ( [§ 54.1-3400](#) et seq.). A TPA-certified optometrist shall provide written evidence to the Board that he has completed a didactic and clinical training course provided by an accredited school or college of optometry that includes training in administration of TPAs by injection prior to administering TPAs by injection pursuant to this subdivision.*

For information on providing the required evidence of coursework and clinical training prior to a TPA-certified optometrist treating chalazia by means of injection of a steroid [click here](#).

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