

**§19701. Succession in practice**

**1. Optometrist taking over established practice.** An optometrist taking over an established practice shall clearly indicate that the new optometrist is responsible individually for the practice, but the optometrist may use the term: "succeeded by," "successor to" or "succeeding" for a period not exceeding 2 years.

[PL 2023, c. 580, §8 (NEW).]

**2. Written directive identifying successor licensee.** A licensee who is closing a practice shall no later than 30 days prior to closure create and maintain a written directive identifying a successor licensee who is willing to assume the responsibility of the licensee's practice, to maintain continuity of treatment, to transfer medical information and to ensure patient health and safety.

[PL 2023, c. 580, §8 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2023, c. 580, §8 (NEW).

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