

APPENDIX

1. Are you actively seeing patients in optometry?
 Yes No
 No, but on temporary leave with intention to resume practice

2. What year did you graduate from optometry school?

3. Did you complete a residency?
 Yes No

4. Are you Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry?
 (only process currently recognized by the CMS)
 Yes No

5. Do you intend to obtain American Board of Optometry board certification?
 Yes No

6. What is the total number of weeks you worked in your practice in 2016?

7. What is the total number of weeks you would prefer to work in your practice?

8. On average, how many days per week do you spend in your practice?

9. What is the average number of hours per day spent in your practice?

10. For all positions held, indicate the average number of hours spent per week on each major activity:

	Patient Care
	Practice Management/ Administration
	Teaching
	Research
	Other
	Total Hours

11. How many practice sites do you currently practice in?

12. Which of the following best describes your principal practice setting?
 Self Employed (continue to 13)
 Employed by others (continue to 14)

13. Which best describes your self-employment practice setting?
 Solo Practice Owner
(1 OD not affiliated with a regional/national retail company)
 Group Practice Owner
(2 or more ODs not affiliated with a regional/national retail company)
 Solo Franchisee
(1 OD affiliated, adjacent to, or within a regional/national retail company)
 Group Franchisee
(2 or more ODs affiliated, adjacent to, or within a regional/national retail company)
 Multidisciplinary Practice Owner
(practice with both optometrists and ophthalmologists and/or other professional health care providers)
 Independent Contractor/Lessee

14. Which of the following best describes your employed by others practice setting?
 Employed by optometrist in private practice
 Employed by optometrist owned (franchisee)/affiliated with a regional/national retail company
 Employed by non-optometrist owned independent franchise
 Employed by ophthalmologist
 Employed by hospital/clinic/other health care related entity
 Employed by HMO
 Employed by community health center
 Employed directly by regional/national optical company
 Employed by educational institution
 Employed by U.S. or local government
(i.e., Armed Forces, VA, USPHS, Indian Health Services, etc.)
 Employed by ophthalmic industry

15. What percentage of patient visits consist of providing services that are primarily medical?
(i.e., the majority of the cost of that visit could be covered under a typical medical insurance policy if a patient had medical insurance)

Please answer the following about your patient care as well as care provided by all optometrists in the principal practice (including yourself) during 2016:

	You Personally	Entire Office (include yourself)
16a. Comprehensive eye health and vision exams performed:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Visits/Week	
16b. Emergency and walk-in (i.e., unscheduled) visits:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Visits/Week	
16c. Other medical eye care services performed:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Visits/Week	
16d. Total visits (including a, b and c, and any additional visits not included above for which a code was used):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Visits/Week	
16e. Using total visits provided in d, how many were new patients:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Visits/Week	

17. Considering the total visits and balance of patients in 16d above, how many more patient exams could you accommodate without changing hours or staffing?

18. Indicate the average waiting time to obtain an appointment for a Comprehensive Eye Exam:

Average Appointment Wait Time in Days	New Patients	Existing Patients
Same day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Next day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2-3 days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4-6 days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One to two weeks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Two to three weeks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More than three weeks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. Compared to last year, has the waiting time

- Increased
- Decreased
- Remained the same

20. Which of the following best describes your patient load in your primary practice in 2016?

- Unable to accommodate all patients requesting appointments
- Provided care to all who requested appointments but was overworked
- Provided care to all who requested appointments
- Could have accommodated more patient appointments

Please share with us your comments about your patient load:

21. Would you like to see the following attributes of your professional workload increase, decrease or remain unchanged?

Number of Hours per Week in Patient Care

- Keep the same
- Decrease by more than 10%
- Decrease by 1-10%
- Increase by 1-10%
- Increase by more than 10%

Number of Hours per Week in Non-Patient Care Activities

- Keep the same
- Decrease by more than 10%
- Decrease by 1-10%
- Increase by 1-10%
- Increase by more than 10%

22. Given your current practice resources, do you anticipate the following actions?

	Within Next 2 Years	Within Next Five Years
Expand patient care hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduce patient care hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain similar patient care hours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Retire from Active Practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adding a full time or part time optometrist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. Provide the approximate percentage of patients in each of the following age groups for whom eye care was provided in 2016:

_____	Less than 5 years
_____	5 to 17 years
_____	18 to 40 years
_____	41 to 64 years
_____	65 years or older
_____	Total (please total to 100%)

24. Please indicate the number of optometrists, ophthalmologists and other staff that assist in patient care in your principal practice setting:

_____	Optometrists
_____	Ophthalmologists
_____	Technicians who assist in patient care
_____	Opticians
_____	Other staff who assist in patient care
_____	Total

25. Please indicate the number of the following professionals you are actively seeking to recruit now, and which you expect to recruit within the next 5 years:

	Actively seeking to increase	Expect to increase by 2021
Optometrist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ophthalmologist	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Technicians who assist in patient care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Optician	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other staff who assist in patient care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following job attributes?

(1 = Extremely Dissatisfied / 5 =Extremely Satisfied)

	1	2	3	4	5
Career options/ professional growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Geographic location	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
New care delivery models	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Income/ reimbursement rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scope of practice/ autonomy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Inclusion in medical plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please share with us any comments:

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In what year were you born? _____

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race:

White Black/African-American Asian Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

American Indian/Alaska Native Other (please specify): _____

What was your own net income from the practice of optometry in 2016?

<input type="radio"/> Less than \$50,000	<input type="radio"/> \$125,000 - \$149,999	<input type="radio"/> \$225,000 - \$249,999
<input type="radio"/> \$50,000 - \$74,999	<input type="radio"/> \$150,000 - \$174,999	<input type="radio"/> \$250,000 - \$274,999
<input type="radio"/> \$75,000 - \$99,999	<input type="radio"/> \$175,000 - \$199,999	<input type="radio"/> \$275,000 - \$299,999
<input type="radio"/> \$100,000 - \$124,999	<input type="radio"/> \$200,000 - \$224,900	<input type="radio"/> \$300,000 - \$499,999
<input type="radio"/> \$500,000 or more		

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