



Economic Development Corp.

**Via Email**

*Re:* LSA Document # 25-626 Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Toby Snell

Board Director

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Dear Toby,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-6(a)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document # 25-626 submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Indiana Optometry Board displays. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #25-626 amends 852 IAC 1-1.1-4 through 852 IAC 1-17-1 for the rules that govern continuing education for the Indiana Optometry Board. The new rules also set standards for reporting passing scores on some exams that are required before performing patient care. The proposed rules also expand the definition of continuing education to include more modern versions, such as podcasts or webinars, while also including rules for its use, such as for verifying attendance. Also, it limits synchronous virtual continuing education to twelve of the forty required hours per biennial license period.

The Indiana Optometry Board displays proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance while minimizing the potential impact on small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman is neutral on the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at [ombudsman@iedc.in.gov](mailto:ombudsman@iedc.in.gov).

Sincerely,

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Small Business Ombudsman

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