



## Summer 2025

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*Supporting Nevada Doctors of Optometry. Advancing Quality Eye Health and Vision Care.*

### Summer Momentum, Fall Focus

As summer heats up, so does the Nevada Optometric Association's (NOA's) work on behalf of Nevada's doctors of optometry and the patients we serve. From Carson City to communities across the state, your NOA leaders are making sure optometry's voice is heard. Here's what is ahead as we look toward a productive fall.

## SAVE THE DATE

### NOA Fall Education and Advocacy Conference

October 10-11, 2025 | Las Vegas, NV



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**October 10–11, 2025 | Viticus Center, Las Vegas**

Get ready to reconnect with your peers, gain powerful practice insights and advocate for optometry's future. This two-day event is packed with networking and education—all designed with your professional success in mind.

**Registration opens in August—stay tuned!**

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### Advocacy in Action: AB 448 Signed into Law

This spring, your NOA advocacy team secured a major win for Nevada optometry with the passage of Assembly Bill 448, signed into law by Gov. Joe Lombardo. This legislation curbs harmful vision benefit manager (VBM) practices and builds on our 2023 advocacy gains.

What AB 448 achieves:

- Ends third-party control over clinical decisions and practice methods
- Blocks unfair clawbacks when services are covered
- Bans discriminatory reimbursements based on labs, equipment or affiliations
- Protects doctors from forced plan bundling
- Expands enforcement power of the insurance commissioner

**Important note:** These protections apply only to new contracts and contract renewals beginning Jan. 1, 2026. The NOA is already working to address this issue and strengthen the law's impact. Stay tuned for important updates.

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## Meet the 2025 NOA Board of Directors

These dedicated leaders are committed to guiding the profession forward and championing patient care across Nevada. [Please join us in congratulating the new board:](#)

**President:** Steve Girisgen, O.D. – Henderson

**President-Elect:** Ken Kopolow, O.D. – Las Vegas

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Steve Nguyen, O.D. – Las Vegas

**Immediate Past President:** Spencer Quinton, O.D. – Henderson

**Director-at-Large:** Frances Jones, O.D. – Las Vegas

Reach out, get involved and let your board know what matters most to your practice.

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## Practice Resources

*New AOA Report: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists & Vision Risk*



Optometrists are seeing more patients prescribed GLP-1 receptor agonists for diabetes and weight management. A new AOA clinical report offers guidance on detecting and managing non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION)—a rare but serious side effect.

[Click here to read the report.](#)

### *Choosing the Right Malpractice Insurance*

Individual vs. Group Policies: What's Right for You?

Whether you practice solo or in a group, choosing the right malpractice coverage is critical. Here's a quick breakdown:

- Group Policies
  - Shared premiums and limits among multiple doctors of optometry
  - Option for separate limits for individual protection
  - Ideal for multi-doctor practices
  
- Individual Policies
  - Customized coverage tailored to your risk profile
  - Helps avoid employer-related conflicts in claims
  - Best for full control over your own protection

Learn more about AOAEExcel®'s malpractice solutions [here](#).

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## Stay Connected

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