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HOW TO OBTAIN THE PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING SUPPLIES

On July 15, 2004 Governor Romney signed Chapter 181, a new law requiring that:

“Upon entering kindergarten or within 30 days of the start of the school year, the parent or guardian of each child shall present to school health personnel certification that the child within the previous 12 months has passed a vision screening conducted by personnel approved by the department of public health and trained in vision screening techniques to be developed by the department of public health in consultation with the department of education...For children who fail to pass the vision screening and for children diagnosed with neurodevelopmental delay, proof of a comprehensive eye examination performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist chosen by the child’s parent or guardian indicating any pertinent diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, recommendation and evidence of follow-up treatment, if necessary, shall be provided.”

Thus, it is now mandated in Massachusetts that:

- *all preschoolers have a vision screening done within 12 months prior to their entry into kindergarten.*
- *all children with neurodevelopmental delay, and all children who fail the vision screening, be referred for a comprehensive eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.*

For consumers wishing to purchase the supplies required to conduct the screening, please feel free to contact the vendors listed below to compare pricing and to obtain the best value and service. Please know that the vendors listed below are not endorsed or certified but simply recognized as a supplier of the materials required to conduct the screening. The MDPH will update this list from time to time. The vendors are arranged on the list alphabetically.

For vendors who provide the full range of supplies and services for conducting the Preschool Vision Screening in accordance with Massachusetts statutes and regulations *who are not listed below*, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health by calling Tom Comerford at (617) 624-6022 to be included on the list.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health does not endorse any particular vendor but acknowledges that the following vendors can provide the supplies needed to complete the Preschool Vision Screening.

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING

SUPPLIES NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH NEW 2005 GUIDELINES:

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