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**SB 879 ACC Prescription Eye Drops
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The Connecticut Association of Optometrists supports SB 879. The cornerstone to effectively treating eye disease is the appropriate use of the medication prescribed. Compliance in medication usage is a chronic problem in all of healthcare; eyecare is no exception.

The dosing requirements of some eyedrops for either chronic or acute conditions may necessitate midday dosing. It is unrealistic to expect, and often prohibited, that a child will use the drops as prescribed, so the school nurse is required to administer them when needed. This requires that the child bring the drop to school in the a.m. and home in the afternoon and on weekends. Frequently, this doesn't occur, and treatment suffers, thus prolonging the condition and symptoms.

Drops are not like pills. We cannot send 5 drops to school like we can send 5 pills, assuming that those needed at home stay there, while only those needed at school stay there. Therefore, the Connecticut Association of Optometrists supports this bill.

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