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**IJCAHPO Certification Backed By Industry-Leading Ethics Standards**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.—June 4, 2018—**The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO®) recently published its Ethics Standards, which promote the highest level of professional ethical conduct to help ensure patient safety.

The Ethics Standards apply to Allied Ophthalmic Personnel, certified and non-certified, who are ophthalmic assistants, technicians, and medical technologists, as well as to sub-specialty certificants. The updated Standards include the Code of Ethics and the Rules of Ethics. The Code of Ethics guides Allied Ophthalmic Personnel in evaluating professional conduct as it relates to patients, healthcare consumers, employers, co-workers, and other members of the ophthalmic healthcare team. The Rules of Ethics provide mandatory standards of minimally accepted professional conduct required of all eye care health professionals. Rules of Ethics are enforceable and any ethics violations, criminal charges, and convictions may result in loss of certificates, jobs, and licenses.

“Above all, the purpose of the Standards of Ethics is to aid AOP in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct and in providing for the protection and safety of patients,” said William F. Astle, MD, FRCSC, Dipl. ABO, President of IJCAHPO’s Board of Directors.

“IJCAHPO Certification assures the medical community and the public that an individual working in allied ophthalmic healthcare is qualified at a minimal level of knowledge and skills to practice within the profession. We encourage your staff to embrace certification and adopt its rigorous ethical standards,” he continued.

IJCAHPO certification requires compliance with the Standards. For more information and to view the complete Standards visit [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org).

**About IJCAHPO®**

The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO), formally the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO), was established as a not-for-profit organization in 1969 to offer certification and continuing education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health personnel. Since then more than 29,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned IJCAHPO® certification.

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