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JCAHPO's Ophthalmic Scribe Certification Meets CMS Compliance *NEW Online Ophthalmic Scribe Certification Available at EyeCareCE®*

St. Paul, Minn. – (March 27, 2015) – The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®) is pleased to announce the release of a new Ophthalmic Scribe Certification (OSC®) on EyeCareCE. The Ophthalmic Scribe Certification examination is designed to test the knowledge of ophthalmic scribes and ophthalmic medical personnel who create and maintain patient medical records under the supervision of an ophthalmologist. These records include the documentation of a comprehensive patient history, physical examination, medications, lab results, and other pertinent patient information.

In addition to recognizing JCAHPO's certification of Ophthalmic Assistants, Technicians and Medical Technologists, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently included certified ophthalmic scribes to enter electronic medication, laboratory, or radiology orders into electronic health record systems.

The new OSC certification meets the CMS Rule with its 125-item Ophthalmic Scribe Certification examination. The open-book exam content covers History Taking, Ophthalmic Patient Services and Education, Ophthalmic Terminology, Medical Ethics and Legal Issues, and Medical Notes/Records. Once passed, scribes are certified for three years.

The Ophthalmic Scribe Certification (OSC) examination can be accessed on the EyeCareCE web site for online education, training and assessment at www.eyecarece.org. The examination costs \$20 for JCAHPO certified candidates, \$40 for non-certified candidates, but who are ATPO or ASRS members, and \$60 for non-certified candidates.

JCAHPO President, Karl Golnik, MD says, "JCAHPO's Ophthalmic Scribe Certification is an accessible and affordable examination that provides the ophthalmic medical professional's need to meet CMS compliance and advance their careers."

[About JCAHPO®]

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 25,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned JCAHPO® Certification. For more information, visit: www.jcahpo.org.

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