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NEWS RELEASE

NAVCP supports CA bill requiring eye exams by an eye care professional during kindergarten or first elementary school enrollment

Washington, D.C., May 1, 2017 – The National Association of Vision Care Plans (NAVCP) announced today that it supports California Assembly Bill 1110 [Pupil health: eye and vision examinations](#).

The bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, would require “a pupil’s eyes and vision to be examined by a physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist in accordance with specified provisions, unless the pupil’s parent or guardian submits a written waiver to the school or charter school.”

Existing California law requires a pupil’s vision to be appraised by a school nurse or other authorized person in the pupil’s kindergarten year or upon first enrollment in elementary school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8, unless the appraisal is waived by the pupil’s parents upon presentation of a certificate from a physician and surgeon, a physician assistant, or an optometrist.

“Vision health is essential to overall health and professional care should begin as early as possible for all children,” said Julian Roberts, NAVCP executive director. “We applaud Assemblywoman Burke for promoting elementary school access to eye exams by an eye care professional in her state.”

NAVCP’s letter of support is available at www.navcp.org.

About NAVCP

The National Association of Vision Care Plans is the unified voice for the managed vision care industry. Our members cover approximately 53 percent (170 million) of all Americans by partnering with eye care providers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The association provides a forum for cooperative industry collaboration on initiatives that work to preserve and strengthen consumer access to affordable vision insurance and benefits.

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