

Ordering Glasses Through a Free-World Vendor

The bottom line when ordering glasses is the free-world glasses are at the ‘discretion of the warden.’ It is recommended that you go to the warden first and find out what he/she will allow. Some wardens will only allow the black, plastic frames for uniformity’s sake.

Go to the nurse first and have visual acuity done. The information is then sent to the provider on the unit (doctor, nurse practitioner or physician assistant). The provider submits a referral to optometry and then optometry sets the appointment. This is a routine referral so can be anytime within the next six months. The offender is then scheduled and most go to Estelle depending on where their unit of assignment is ...but may go to Galveston if they are closer. After the visit, the optometrist charts the prescription and the offender can then request the medical record/prescription and send it to their loved. The family needs to go through an approved vendor and order black plastic frames, no metal, no decoration (this goes back to the conversation you will have had with the warden in the beginning). When the glasses are received at the unit they will be delivered to the Warden’s office for approval.

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