



Dear MOA Member,

Thus far the Children's Vision Law has been a great success in Missouri. However, that success could potentially come to an end on June 30, 2012, when the bill is set to automatically sunset unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly.

To prevent the sunset the General Assembly will require proof in the form of statistics that the bill has helped catch and prevent poor vision in children. Unfortunately, state budget shortfalls along with other bureaucratic issues have stonewalled the ability to track the success of the Children's Vision Law. As of right now, with no tracking mechanism in place, there is no data to support the claim that the law is in fact helping the children of Missouri.

In an effort to ensure that the Children's Vision Law will not sunset, the Missouri Optometric Association has built a web portal to collect data from the exams performed on children entering kindergarten. The collected data will essentially be top priority when lobbying the general assembly to continue the Children's Vision Law.

It is extremely important that all members plug in their data. The referenced data can be found on each Official Missouri Eye Exam Form, this is the same form the MOA has been advising doctors to hold on to until further notice. Inputting the data from your practice can be done by simply logging on to the following address:

<http://www.yourbestvision.net/>

Note- Absolutely no information will be requested that could violate HIPPA guidelines.

If you have any questions or issues (including the username/password information), please contact Jay at the MOA Office.