



COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS  
OF ALBERTA

COMPLAINT DECISION BRIEFING

COM-2020-004

July 15, 2021

**Regarding: Karim Asaria, License # 1140**

The College of Opticians of Alberta (the College), acting on a complaint, investigated the conduct of regulated member, Karim Asaria, and found evidence of unprofessional conduct. To minimize costs and expediate the discipline process, the College sought to resolve the complaint outside of a hearing under Section 55(2)(a.1) of the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) with the consent of the Complainant and the Investigated Person. Both parties agreed to a facilitated resolution, the outcomes of which are outlined below.

As part of the Facilitated Resolution Agreement and Undertaking, Mr. Asaria admits to failing to submit refraction results to an ophthalmologist for review and issuance of the final prescription. He also admits that he failed to keep full and accurate patient records.

As per the terms of the Facilitated Resolution Agreement and Undertaking, Mr. Asaria has been reprimanded, must demonstrate that he has read and reflected on COA Standards of Practice, in particular record keeping, refracting, professionalism, and restricted activity authorization in a manner and timeframe agreed to by the Complaints Director, and pay a fine of \$500 to the College.

If Mr. Asaria fails to comply with the terms of the Facilitated Resolution Agreement and Undertaking, the Complaints Director may treat the non-compliance as the basis for a new complaint pursuant to Section 56 of the HPA and act on the new complaint pursuant to Section 55.