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| **Have you complied with new federal patient nondiscrimination requirements? AOA can help**Most doctors of optometry now need to comply with new regulations required by the patient nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) – section 1557, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.**What you need to do now*** The new regulations require doctors of optometry who accept Federal financial assistance (e.g., Medicaid reimbursement, Medicare Advantage payments, community health center prospective payments or grants from NIH) to:
* Post a notice of nondiscrimination.
* Post taglines that alert individuals with limited English proficiency to the availability of language assistance.
* Create a Grievance Procedure and Coordinator if your practice employs 15 or more people.
* Ensure that all practice policies and procedures comply with 1557 regulations.

**AOA is here to help**Click [here](http://mailview.bulletinhealthcare.com/mailview.aspx?m=2016110801aoa&r=6390451-bacc&l=008-253&t=c) for more information and sample materials to ensure you are compliant. Please contact Jensen Jose with any questions.  |
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