



ASCO Supported Recognition of Optometry in Mexico



More than a year after ASCO voiced its support of the proposal, the government in Mexico finalized in March a presidential decree that modifies Article 79 of that country's Health Act to include optometry among the health professions requiring a university-level degree to be practiced.

In December 2013, ASCO President Dr. Jennifer Coyle sent a [letter](#) to Congressional Deputy Ricardo Anaya Cortés, President of the LXII Parliament, stating in part that “Universities in Mexico have been educating optometrists for more than 60 years; therefore, requiring optometrists to attain a university-level degree in order to practice is an excellent first step in establishing the highest standards of eye and vision care that the population deserves.”