



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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Rules on Pharmacist Consult Agreements with Physicians

On March 23, 2016, [Ohio HB 188 \(131st General Assembly\)](#) went into effect. This law makes the following modifications to pharmacist consult agreements with physicians ([ORC 4729.39](#)):

- Authorizes one or more pharmacists practicing under a consult agreement with one or more physicians to (1) manage a patient's drug therapy for specified diagnoses or diseases and (2) order and evaluate blood and urine tests.
- Creates a single process for establishing a consult agreement, in place of separate processes that were based on whether the patient's drug therapy was being managed within or outside a hospital or long-term care facility.
- Grants certain immunities from civil liability to pharmacists and physicians practicing under consult agreements.

New rules regarding consult agreements are effective August 18, 2016. A copy of the rules can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/consult.

Reporting DEA Registration Number Suffixes by Hospitals

Effective October 1, 2016, [rule 4729-17-13](#) will require all hospitals to submit electronically to the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy an initial list of the internal codes that are used as a suffix to the hospital D.E.A. registration number within 30 days. Furthermore, the rule requires that all additions, deletions or changes to the list must be submitted to the Board within five business days of any such addition, deletion, or change.

For more information, please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/reporting

Storage of Records Outside of the Pharmacy Department

Effective August 15th, 2016, any designated area outside the prescription department at the location licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs intending to be used for the storage of dangerous drugs, D.E.A. controlled substance order forms, exempt narcotics, hypodermics, poisons, records relating to the distribution of dangerous drugs except where the Board has granted permission for such records to be stored at a secure off-site location pursuant to rules 4729-9-14 and 4729-9-22 of the Administrative Code, and every other item or product that requires the personal supervision or sale by a pharmacist shall meet the following requirements:

- The designated area shall be secured by either a physical barrier with suitable locks and/or an electronic barrier to detect unauthorized entry. Such a barrier, before being put into use, must be approved by the state board of pharmacy.
- No item, product, record, or equipment that must be accessible to anyone other than a pharmacist may be stored in the designated area, unless authorized by the board of pharmacy.
- Authorized personnel may have access if there is on-site supervision by a pharmacist.

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