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**Pharmacy Technician Applications**

The Board is currently processing applications for pharmacy technicians. During this process, staff have noticed some common errors that may result in a delay of the overall registration process.

To assist those who are applying or are planning to apply for a pharmacy technician registration, the Board has developed the following document with helpful tips. As a reminder, it is strongly recommended that individuals apply for registration by March 1, 2018.

These tips can be accessed here:

<http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Documents/Licensing/PTech/General/Important%20Tips%20for%20Pharmacy%20Technician%20Applicants.pdf>

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**Upcoming DEA DATA 2000 Training Events**

With funding made available through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has designed a free training agenda that will allow any medical professional with prescribing privileges to freely obtain the DATA 2000 waiver. Buprenorphine is the only form of medication assisted treatment (MAT) that requires prescribers to have a unique DEA license (i.e. DATA 2000 waiver). MAT has been recognized as a critical component in the treatment of people with opioid use disorder.

These training events will be hosted around the state. Live trainings will be offered to the communities hit hardest by the opioid epidemic, online DATA 2000 waiver trainings will be made available for prescribers statewide.

To learn more and to view the complete schedule of trainings, please access: <http://workforce.mha.ohio.gov/>.

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**Medication Safety Week, April 1-7, 2018**

During Medication Safety Week, April 1-7, 2018, the Ohio Department of Aging, through its STEADY U Ohio initiative, will partner with Ohio's pharmacies to help Ohioans understand and minimize their falls risk due to an adverse drug interaction. STEADY U Ohio is a statewide, coordinated falls prevention initiative created by Governor John R. Kasich, to bring together government, community and business leaders to combat the growing epidemic of older adult falls.

The Department of Aging invites pharmacies to be part of this event by picking at least one day during Medication Safety week to offer free and brief in-store consultations for seniors to identify potential falls risks from the medicines they take. The hope is that you will equip your older customers with information they can use to talk to their health care providers about therapy options to lower their falls risk. Pharmacists know that certain types of medications and drug combinations can cause dizziness, drowsiness and confusion and could contribute to a life-changing fall in older adults.

The Department of Aging will highlight participating pharmacies in a statewide awareness campaign to promote the consultations and share information about medicine safety. They also will connect participating pharmacies to representatives from Ohio's aging network and members of the Ohio Older Adult Falls Prevention Coalition to further help customers with referral to programs and services that can further reduce their falls risk.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jane Byrnes, Marketing and Stakeholder Relations Manager, Ohio Department of Aging, at [jbyrnes@age.ohio.gov](mailto:jbyrnes@age.ohio.gov) or 614-728-5950. You can also indicate your interest in participating by completing a short online form at [www.aging.ohio.gov/steadyu/pharmacyreview](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/steadyu/pharmacyreview).

To learn more about the STEADY U Ohio initiative, please access: [www.steadyu.ohio.gov](http://www.steadyu.ohio.gov).

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**Reminder – TDDD License Renewal**

As a reminder, terminal distributor of dangerous drugs (TDDD) licenses will expire on March 31, 2018.

Failure to renew by the March 31, 2018 deadline will cause your license to default to a "Failure to Renew" status and you will incur late fees. Once a license expires, it is also illegal to purchase, possess, store, or dispense dangerous drugs in Ohio.

To initiate the process, the Board of Pharmacy will send an e-mail to the contact person on the license that you will need to renew online on our website at [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov). The email will contain a User ID and password, and

a link to our website labeled "2018-2019 Renewal for Terminal Distributors." The link will be available beginning January 12, 2018.

To access additional renewal information and guidance documents, please visit:

<https://pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/TDDD.aspx>

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