



Reporting Gabapentin Products to OARRS – Effective 12-1-2016

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Effective December 1, 2016, [rule 4729-37-12](#) will require the following entities are required to submit the specified dispensing, personal furnishing, or wholesale sale information on all products containing gabapentin to the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS):

- All pharmacies located outside this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to outpatients residing in this state.
- All pharmacies located within this state and licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that dispense gabapentin to all outpatients.
- All wholesalers licensed as a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs that sell gabapentin at wholesale shall report those drug transactions.
- All pharmacies licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs that sell gabapentin at wholesale shall report those drug transactions.
- All prescribers, except veterinarians, located within this state that personally furnish gabapentin to outpatients, including samples.

For questions regarding reporting of products containing gabapentin please review the guidance document. If you need additional information, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to contact the OARRS department:

<https://www.ohiopmp.gov/Contact.aspx>.

Q1) I am a pharmacy or prescriber office. How do I report the dispensing of gabapentin to OARRS?

More information on reporting to OARRS can be found in the "Ohio PMP Handbook" which is available under the Pharmacies & Prescribers section on the OARRS web site:

<https://www.ohiopmp.gov/Documents.aspx>

Please note: If you are a prescriber or pharmacy that needs to report gabapentin to OARRS and do not have a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number, please contact OARRS by email:

pharmacy@pharmacy.ohio.gov.



Q2) I am a wholesaler distributor or a pharmacy that conducts wholesale transactions to other pharmacies and prescribers. How do I report the sale of gabapentin in OARRS?

More information on reporting to OARRS can be found in the "File Format - Instructions for Reporting Wholesale Transactions to OARRS" which is available under the Wholesale Distributors section on the OARRS web site: <https://www.ohiopmp.gov/Portal/Documents.aspx>

Please note: If you are a wholesaler or pharmacy that needs to report gabapentin to OARRS and do not have a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number, please contact OARRS by email: data@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

Q3) Does this requirement apply to personally furnishing samples?

Yes. Products containing gabapentin that are personally furnished to outpatients must be reported to OARRS.

Q4) Am I required to check OARRS prior to dispensing or personally furnishing products containing gabapentin?

Unlike the rules requiring pharmacists and prescribers to request and review an OARRS report prior to dispensing controlled substances, there is no requirement to request and review an OARRS report prior to the dispensing or personally furnishing a product containing gabapentin.

Pharmacists and prescribers are expected to use professional judgment to determine the need for requesting an OARRS report prior to the prescribing or dispensing of gabapentin to any current or prospective patient.

Q5) I am a pharmacy/prescriber that has a prior exemption to reporting because I did not dispense controlled substance medications. Does this change impact my exemption?

For pharmacies and prescribers that have an exemption **AND** are not dispensing gabapentin products, there is no need to reapply for a reporting exemption.

For pharmacies and prescribers which were exempt but now are not because they dispense gabapentin products, they must start reporting effective December 1, 2016.

For More Information

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