



Responsible Person Requirements for Pain Management Clinics

Effective April 1, 2015, Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4729-5-11 requires the following for the responsible person on a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management classification:

- The responsible person must be a physician authorized to practice medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery. The physician who is the responsible person must meet one of the following qualifications:
 - Hold current subspecialty certification in pain management by the American board of medical specialties, or hold a current certificate of added qualification in pain management by the American osteopathic association bureau of osteopathic specialists; or
 - Hold current subspecialty certification in hospice and palliative medicine by the American board of medical specialties, or hold a current certificate of added qualification in hospice and palliative medicine by the American osteopathic association bureau of osteopathic specialists; or
 - Hold current board certification by the American board of pain medicine; or
 - Hold current board certification by the American board of interventional pain physicians; or
 - Hold current board certification in anesthesiology, psychiatry, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational medicine, or rheumatology by the American board of medical specialties or hold current primary certification in anesthesiology, psychiatry, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, occupational medicine, or rheumatology by the American osteopathic association bureau of osteopathic specialists.
- Unless authorized by the State Board of Pharmacy, a physician cannot be the responsible person for more than one pain management clinic location. In order to obtain authorization, a written request must be submitted outlining the circumstances requiring a physician to be responsible for more than one location and the period of time during which the circumstances will exist.
- A physician cannot be designated the responsible person for a location licensed as a category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a pain management classification unless he/she will be physically present at the location for a sufficient amount of time to provide supervision.

