



E-News Update March 2021

Updated Prescriber Compounding Resources

On 3/31/2021, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's new prescriber compounding rules go into effect. To assist prescribers in complying with the rules, the Board updated the following guidance documents:

- Prescriber Compounding Inspection Guide – Updated 3/26/2021 (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PrescriberComp)
- Terminal Distributor Requirements for Prescribers Engaged in Drug Compounding – Updated 3/26/2021 (www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PrescriberCompound)

NOTE: If the documents do not display the correct update date, please hit refresh on your browser.

REMINDER FOR PHARMACISTS: The prescriber compounding rules do not impact pharmacy compounding. Please be advised that pharmacy compounding rules are in the process of being updated. [Click here for more information pending pharmacy compounding rules.](#)

Veterinary Clinic Inspection Guide Updated

In general, non-hazardous prescriber compounding rules do not apply to veterinary clinics. However, those clinics that engage in non-hazardous compounding are required to label any drugs compounded.

To assist in complying with this requirement, the Board has updated its veterinary clinic inspection guide: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/vetinspect (see page 32).

Naloxone for Emergency Use and Distribution Via Automated Mechanism Rule Now Effective

ORC [4729.515](#) allows a licensed terminal distributor of dangerous drugs to maintain naloxone for emergency use (like an AED) at off-site locations for use during an overdose emergency. Additionally, the law also allows a TDDD to distribute naloxone using an automated mechanism (e.g., a vending machine).

While the statute has been in place since December, the rule implementing this provision was just finalized (OAC [4729:5-3-19](#)).

To assist licensees in complying with the rule, the Board has added two additional sections (*Naloxone for Emergency Use & Distribution of Naloxone Via Automated Mechanism*) to the following inspection guides:

- [Outpatient Pharmacies](#) – 4729:5-5
- [Pain Management Clinics](#) – 4729:5-11
- [First Aid Departments](#) – 4729:5-13
- [Office-Based Opioid Treatment Facilities](#) – 4729:5-18
- [Clinic and Prescriber Offices](#) – 4729:5-19
- [Opioid Treatment Programs](#) – 4729:5-21
- [Non-limited Facilities](#) – 4729:5-22
- [Limited Facilities](#) – 4729:5-23

The Board also updated its general guidance document on this topic, which can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/naloxoneaccess.

Effective April 12, 2021, schools and camps are exempted from licensure as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs for the purposes of possessing injectable or nasally administered glucagon. To assist wholesale distributors and other drug distributors in complying with the Board's license verification requirements, the Board updated its guidance on the drug distributor licensing page. To access to the updated guidance, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/verify

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REMINDER: Terminal Distributor License Renewal

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ohio General Assembly passed HB 404, which requires all licenses/registrations set to expire on or before April 1, 2021 to be extended until July 1, 2021. Terminal distributors of dangerous drugs (TDDDs) who are set to expire on March 31, 2021 will have their expiration dates extended to July 1, 2021.

The renewal period is now open, and it is highly recommended to renew as soon as possible. Any license renewed after the expiration date of July 1, 2021 will be assessed a late fee. For more information on renewal, please review the following guidance documents:

- [2021 Terminal Renewal Information – EMS ONLY](#)
- [2021 Terminal Renewal Information](#)

REMINDER: Board of Pharmacy Releases COVID-19 Vaccine Inspection Guide

To ensure proper compliance with COVID-19 vaccine storage and handling requirements, the Board developed a COVID-19 Vaccine Inspection Guide. The guide is available on the inspection guide section of the terminal distributor licensing page and can be accessed directly by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/VACinspect.

You're invited to attend the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation [2021 virtual Medical & Health Symposium](#) April 8th -10th

[Register now!](#) Join other pharmacists from around the country for a free, award-winning virtual medical symposium. The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has designed three virtual online [educational tracks](#) with free continuing education opportunities.

[Session topics](#) this year will cover a wide variety of issues such as opioid addiction, violence in the workplace, clinical insights into COVID-19, and much more.

[Continuing education](#) credits are being requested for numerous medical professions including Doctor of Pharmacy. Register now to secure your spot at this year's symposium!

Questions? For more information about this event, visit the BWC [webpage](#). If you have questions, please call the BWC provider contact center at 1-800-644-6292, options 0-3-0 or email medsymposium@bwc.state.oh.us.

Job Opportunity with the Board of Pharmacy Inspector - Cuyahoga County

Inspectors play a critical role in fulfilling the mission of the Board of Pharmacy by being actively involved in the inspection of facilities that manufacture, distribute, store, and sell controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

The ideal candidate will have a passion for public service, strive to make the practice of pharmacy safer for the public, and want to make a difference within the practice of pharmacy.

The minimum qualifications for this position are:

- Completion of associate program core coursework in law enforcement or health care related field AND 24 months experience within the pharmaceutical industry; OR,
- Passage of an examination approved by the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy that determines a person's competency to perform services as a qualified pharmacy technician AND 30 months experience within the pharmaceutical industry; OR,
- 42 months experience within the pharmaceutical industry.

Additionally, the ideal candidate will be:

- A strong communicator with the enthusiasm and skills to effectively guide healthcare professionals on Ohio drug laws and rules within their profession; and
- Familiar with state and federal laws regulating the practice of pharmacy, including but not limited to Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4729., 3719., and Ohio Revised Code Sections 2925., 3715., and 3719.

The final candidate selected for this position is required to live in or relocate to Cuyahoga county within 180 days of effective date of hire or transfer.

The full job posting can be found [here](#).

COVID-19 Updates

For the latest information on Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 updates, visit:
www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/COVID.
