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## E-News Update June 2021

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### Pharmacy Compounding Rules - Effective 7/1/2021

Effective July 1, 2021, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's updated pharmacy compounding rules go into effect. These rules apply to both in-state and non-resident pharmacies. For more information about these rule updates, the Board has developed the following guidance documents:

- In-State Compounding Pharmacies: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmCompound](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/PharmCompound)
  - Non-Resident Compounding Pharmacies: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/NRPcompound](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/NRPcompound)
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### Ohio Substance Use Disorder Professional Loan Repayment Program

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) operates the Ohio Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Professional Loan Repayment Program to increase access to SUD-specific services for underserved communities and populations. The program assists in recruiting and retaining providers for community-based sites that serve all clients regardless of their ability to pay.

The following disciplines are eligible to apply:

- Licensed independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC).
- Licensed independent social worker (LISW).
- Licensed independent marriage and family therapist (LIMFT).
- Licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC).
- Clinical or counseling psychologist (PsyD/PhD).
- Physician (DO/MD).
- Physician assistant (PA).
- Nurse practitioner (NP).
- Clinical nurse specialist (CNS).
- Certified nurse midwife (CNM).
- Pharmacist (RPh).
- Registered Nurse (RN).

The application can be found [here](#). Applications and supporting documents must be received via email with a time stamp on or before 11:59 p.m. on July 6, 2021.

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### Use of Contingency Stock License by Institutional Facilities

To promote vaccination storage and administration at long-term care facilities and other institutional facilities, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby authorizes the following policy:

*A long-term care facility or other institutional facility, as defined under agency 4729 of the Ohio Administrative Code, may possess and administer vaccines and other biologics to patients and staff under the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license issued to the facility's servicing pharmacy (e.g., contingency stock license). This policy shall also permit the use of the servicing pharmacy's contingency stock license to maintain dangerous drugs used to treat adverse reactions to vaccines and biologics stored at the facility.*

For more information on this policy, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ConStock](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ConStock)

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### Reminder: New Automated Pharmacy Systems Rule Now Effective

To promote uniform review and approval of automated pharmacy systems, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy implemented rule [4729:5-3-17](#) of the Administrative Code on 6/4/2021. This rule provides a process by which automated pharmacy systems are approved by the Board. This rule replaces the previous automated systems rule, [4729-5-35](#).

As used in the rule, "automated pharmacy system" means a mechanical system that performs operations or activities, other than administration, relative to storage, packaging, compounding, dispensing, or distribution of dangerous drugs that collects, controls, and maintains transaction information and records. It does not include an "automated drug storage system" (e.g., Pyxis, etc.) utilized by institutional facilities or other locations licensed as terminal distributors of dangerous drugs.

For questions regarding automated pharmacy systems, the Board created a frequently asked questions document: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/APS](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/APS).

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- This rule applies to in-state automated pharmacy systems only.
- Systems that were approved under the previous rule (OAC [4729-5-35](#)) do not need to be reapproved. However, there are new requirements for quality assurance plans for approved systems (see OAC [4729:5-3-17](#) (F)).

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**Reminder: 2021 Virtual Law Reviews and Responsible Person Roundtables**

Join the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy for a presentation to learn about the latest developments in pharmacy law and rules.

Law Review topics will include:

- New requirements for terminal distributors of dangerous drugs
- New outpatient pharmacy rules and inspection guide
- State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 response efforts
- Pharmacy compounding rules & implementation plan

Responsible Person Roundtable topics will include:

- Duties of a responsible person
- General provisions applicable to a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs
- Duty to report requirements
- Additional compliance resources

Who Should Attend?

- Pharmacists, pharmacy interns, registered or certified pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy compliance staff employed in outpatient/community-based pharmacies.

More information can be found [here](#).

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