



## **Transfer or Sale of Naloxone by EMS Agencies**

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The Board has received inquiries regarding the legal transfer of naloxone between EMS agencies to reallocate the medication to avoid expiration.

To address this issue, the Board recently made modifications to its laws and rules regarding the occasional wholesale sale (even at no-cost) of naloxone by terminal distributors of dangerous drugs.

Ohio laws and rules now permit all terminal distributors of dangerous drugs to conduct occasional wholesale sales of naloxone. While termed as an "occasional wholesale sale," neither the law nor the rule places a limitation on the amount of naloxone that may be transferred or sold between licensed terminal distributors of dangerous drugs.

EMS agencies and other terminal distributors transferring or selling naloxone (even at no-cost) must maintain records of any transfers or sales in accordance with rule 4729-9-22 of the Ohio Administrative Code (<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4729-9-22>).

**Please be advised, EMS agencies and other terminal distributors (except for pharmacies) are not permitted to conduct the occasional wholesale sale of any other drug except for naloxone.**

While the updated occasional sale rule ([4729-9-10](#)) does not go into effect until September 15, 2017. The law has already been amended and EMS agencies and other terminal distributors may conduct such sales or purchases if they maintain appropriate records.

Lastly, the Board has adopted a resolution to permit EMS agencies to receive or purchase naloxone from local law enforcement agencies that are *not* licensed by the Board of Pharmacy. EMS agencies must maintain records of any naloxone purchase from or sale to local law enforcement (even if at no-cost) in accordance with rule 4729-9-22 of the Ohio Administrative Code. For more information regarding this resolution, visit:

[www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LEsale](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LEsale)

For any questions regarding the transfer or sale of naloxone, contact the Board by visiting: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact)

