



**E-NEWS UPDATE
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Manner of Issuance Rule Update - Effective December 29, 2017

Diagnosis Code on Opioid Prescriptions

On December 29, 2017, [rule 4729-5-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#) goes into effect. This rule requires prescribers (except for veterinarians) to indicate the first four alphanumeric characters of the ICD-10-CM medical diagnosis code (ex. M16.5) or the Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT code) on all opioid analgesic prescriptions.

The diagnosis/procedure code requirements are effective for all opioid prescriptions beginning December 29, 2017. The requirements for all other controlled substances go into effect on June 1, 2018.

IMPORTANT: Paragraph (K) of rule [4729-5-30](#) permits the processing of a prescription without the diagnosis code. Per rule [4729-37-04](#), if the code is not provided the pharmacy must indicate "NC" when reporting the diagnosis or procedure code to OARRS.

Days' Supply

The rule requires prescribers to include the days' supply (i.e. minimum number of days) that the prescription for a controlled substance or gabapentin should last the patient. This requirement goes into effect on December 29, 2017.

IMPORTANT: Paragraph (K) of rule [4729-5-30](#) permits the processing of a prescription without the prescriber indicating the days' supply of the prescription. In that specific instance, the pharmacy should follow the requirements in rule [4729-37-04](#) for reporting the days' supply.

Written, Faxed and Electronic Prescriptions

The rule also makes changes to the requirements for written, faxed and electronic prescriptions. Except in limited circumstances, prescribers can no longer transmit prescriptions using a transmission system that converts the prescription into a computer-generated fax or scanned image. For more information on the exceptions, visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/approval.

Resources Available

To assist in the implementation of rule [4729-5-30](#), the Board has developed the following resources:

Guidance on Issuing a Valid Prescription: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/rx

FAQ for Pharmacists: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/acuteFAQ

ASAP 4.2A Format Required for Reporting to OARRS

Effective December 29, 2017, [rule 4729-37-05](#) requires the reporting of data to OARRS via the ASAP 4.2A Standard. This change will allow the reporting of diagnosis or procedure codes for opioid analgesic prescriptions.

The dispenser guide outlining the ASAP4.2A elements needed for the inclusion of this data is now available and can be accessed here: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/ASAPupdate. ICD-10 and CDT codes are reported in the DSP25 field. When no code is reported on the prescription, enter "NC" in the DSP25 field.

You may begin reporting in the ASAP 4.2A format now, as OARRS will accept both ASAP 4.2 and ASAP 4.2A. Effective December 29, 2017, OARRS will only accept only ASAP 4.2A.
