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Pharmacy Technician Registration Updates

On January 4th, 2017, Governor Kasich signed Senate Bill 319 into law. One provision of the law requires registration of pharmacy technicians by **April 6th, 2018**.

While the deadline for registration is not until next year, the Board plans to open the registration process well in advance to allow enough time for individuals to register. The opening of technician registration is not known at this time, as the Board needs to finalize rules regarding the registration process.

The proposed rules will be presented to the Board of Pharmacy at its July meeting. Shortly thereafter, the rules will be posted on the Board's proposed rules page for public comment: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/LawsRules/ProposedRules.aspx.

Those who are interested in receiving regulatory updates from the Board are encouraged to do so by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/update.

Ohio Prescription Monitoring Program Connects with Pennsylvania

Ohio prescribers and pharmacists can now request patient prescription information from Pennsylvania through Ohio's prescription monitoring program, known as the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS).

The ability of OARRS to connect with Pennsylvania's Prescription Monitoring Program (PA PDMP) means that Ohio healthcare providers can now access patient information on controlled substances that were filled in Pennsylvania without having to use two separate systems.

Sharing information with Pennsylvania means OARRS users can now access controlled substance prescription information from prescription monitoring programs in each of Ohio's border states.

For more information, please visit: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OARRSpennsylvania.
