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**E-NEWS UPDATE  
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**Important Update From OARRS**

On April 25, 2017, the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) upgraded to its new software platform. While every attempt was made to ensure a smooth transition, the Board is aware of some access issues and is working diligently to correct these issues.

For those currently experiencing access issues, please be aware of the following:

- The new system uses e-mail addresses rather than user names. If you do not recall the e-mail address linked to your OARRS account, you will have to contact the Board at 614-466-4143 option 1, or by email at [info@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:info@pharmacy.ohio.gov). Due to the upgrade, we are experiencing higher volumes of phone calls and emails than usual. We will address your issue as soon as we can.
- The new system cannot import your previous password. All users are required to reset their passwords when they login for the first time. To reset your password, use the Password Reset link on the login page. If your account is not able to be found, please register for a new account. If you are otherwise unable to reset your password, please call the Board at 614-466-4143 option 1.

For all other inquiries:

**Technical Support**

844-464-4767

**Account Inquiries**

614-466-4143

[info@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:info@pharmacy.ohio.gov)

On behalf of the Board, we thank you for your patience during this transition. This upgrade will allow the Board to provide additional features to help you better care for your patients.

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**Updated Guidance for Opioid Analgesic Prescriptions**

The Board has issued updated guidance on the 14-day limit on dispensing of an opioid analgesic prescription:

***Is a prescriber permitted to put a "do not fill until" date on a single opioid prescription and does the 14-day limit apply?***

As stated in the law, the 14-day limit applies to the issue date of a single prescription of an opioid analgesic even if it has a "do not fill until" date. For example, a person who receives a single prescription prior to a surgical procedure.

However, the limit applies to the "do not fill until" date for multiple concurrent prescriptions as outlined in Q7 of this document. For example, a chronic pain patient receiving multiple concurrent prescriptions.

The Board is working to potentially clarify this issue in law and will issue additional guidance if any changes are made.

A copy of the updated guidance can be found here: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OpioidRequirements](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/OpioidRequirements).

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**Broker Application Now Available**

Applications are now available to obtain a wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs license with a broker classification. "Broker" means any person engaged in the marketing, offering, or contracting for wholesale distribution and sale of a dangerous drug in or into Ohio who does not take physical possession of dangerous drugs.

**NOTE:** Broker is different from a virtual wholesaler licensed pursuant to rule [4729-9-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#). A virtual wholesaler has title but does not take physical possession of dangerous drugs.

To view the broker application, please visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/WDDD.aspx](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Licensing/WDDD.aspx).