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## July E-News Update

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### Pharmacist and Pharmacy Intern License Renewal

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy transitioned to the State's [new licensing system](#) on April 23, 2018. As part of the transition, licensees will be required to register for an account to renew and manage their Ohio Pharmacist or Intern license.

The Board's Licensing department sent out emails on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with the Security Code required to register your account. All renewal applications, maintenance changes, required documentation, and fees must be submitted via the eLicense site.

For step-by-step guidance on how to register for an account on the eLicense site, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/elicenseinstruct](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/elicenseinstruct).

Ohio Pharmacist or Intern licenses are set to expire on September 15, 2018. The renewal period is from July 17, 2018 through September 15, 2018.

**Reminder:** Changes were made in House Bill 49, which include eliminating the need for pocket card identification, changes in renewal fees, and biennial renewal structure.

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### Continuing Education Reporting

Pharmacists with licenses beginning with a **033** are required to report the completion of a minimum of 60 hours of continuing pharmacy education credits. This includes a minimum of three hours of pharmacy jurisprudence and two hours of patient safety/medication errors.

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### Reminder: Limits on Prescription Opioids for Acute Pain

The Board has continued to receive calls from both prescribers and pharmacists about the new acute prescribing rules that went into effect in August 2017.

In general, the rules limit the prescribing of opioid analgesics for acute pain, as follows:

1. No more than seven days of opioids can be prescribed for adults.
2. No more than five days of opioids can be prescribed for minors and only after the written consent of the parent or guardian is obtained in accordance with ORC 3719.061.
3. Health care providers may prescribe opioids in excess of the day supply limits only if they provide a specific reason in the patient's medical record.
4. Except as provided for in the rules, the total morphine equivalent dose (MED) of a prescription for acute pain cannot exceed an average of 30 MED per day.
5. The new limits do not apply to opioids prescribed for cancer, palliative care, end-of-life/hospice care or medication-assisted treatment for addiction.
6. The rules apply to the first opioid analgesic prescription for the treatment of an episode of acute pain.
7. The rules do not apply to inpatient prescriptions.

Information for prescribers can be found [here](#).

Information for pharmacists can be found [here](#).

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### Resolution: Technician Registration

In June, the Board adopted the following resolution:

All technicians who submitted application materials for registration by 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2018, may continue to submit any outstanding documentation and this documentation must be received by the board before 08:00 a.m. on August 17, 2018 or their license will be deemed abandoned in accordance with rule 4729:3-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

**Notwithstanding any prior resolution approved by the Board, an application deemed abandoned as of August 17, 2018, prohibits the applicant from continued practice as any classification of technician and precludes employment as any classification of technician.**

Pharmacy technician applicants subject to this resolution may continue to practice until 11:59 p.m. August 17, 2018, unless otherwise notified in a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing letter proposing to deny the applicant's registration. **On August 18, 2018, all individuals working as a pharmacy technician or technician trainee must hold a valid registration issued by the Board.**

This resolution replaces Resolution R-2018-297 that was approved on April 9, 2018.

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