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## February E-News Update

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### Spring 2019 Rules Update

In March and April 2019, new rules governing the operation of Ohio licensed drug distributors\* and terminal distributors will take effect. The new rules are part of an on-going effort of the Board to reorganize its rules into divisions. The Board has published two documents providing an overview of the new rules, which can be accessed using the links below.

Drug Distributors (OAC 4729:6): [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/DrugDist2019](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/DrugDist2019)

**NOTE: Rule 4729:6-3-05 (Suspicious order monitoring) goes into effect on April 30, 2019. Guidance on this rule will be issued the week of February 18, 2019.**

Terminal Distributors (OAC 4729:5): [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Terminal2019](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Terminal2019)

*\*Drug distributor includes the following license types: manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs and wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs (includes broker and virtual wholesaler).*

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### New Process for Reporting Theft or Significant Loss of Dangerous Drugs

Effective March 1, 2019, rules 4729:5-3-02 and 4729:6-3-02 require all terminal distributors and drug distributors (manufacturers, wholesalers, third-party logistics providers, repackagers and outsourcing facilities) to report the theft or significant loss of dangerous drugs (controlled and non-controlled prescription drugs) and drug documents via the Board's online portal.

For more information on the new rules and the submission of reports, visit: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/theft](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/theft).

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### Naltrexone Dispensing Information to be Reported to OARRS - Effective March 19, 2019

Starting March 19, 2019, naltrexone dispensing information will be reported to OARRS. The collection of naltrexone is intended to assist prescribers and pharmacists in identifying individuals who may be receiving treatment for substance use disorder. This information can be useful for healthcare providers who are considering the use of controlled substances to treat patients.

Pharmacies should contact software vendors now to inform them of this change to ensure programming updates are implemented in time.

For more information about this change, the Board has developed the following frequently asked questions document: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/naltrexone](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/naltrexone).

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### Medical Marijuana to be Displayed on OARRS Report

On January 16, 2019, a limited number of Ohio dispensaries began selling medical marijuana products. All Ohio licensed dispensaries are required to report medical marijuana dispensing to OARRS within five minutes of a sale.

Prescribers and pharmacists should be aware that medical marijuana will be displayed with all other prescription drug information. Medical marijuana dispensing information will not impact a patient's NARX Scores or Overdose Risk Scores.

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