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## E-News Update July 2019

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### Sale of Products Derived from Hemp

Recent changes to Ohio law ([SB 57](#)) removed hemp and hemp products containing no more than three-tenths of a percent THC from the state's definition of marijuana. Hemp products, including hemp derived CBD (cannabidiol), can now be sold outside of a licensed medical marijuana dispensary.

SB 57 also established a Hemp Cultivation and Processing Program. The [Ohio Department of Agriculture](#) is charged with the licensure of hemp cultivators and processors.

The Board of Pharmacy has published an FAQ on hemp derived products, which can be found [here](#).

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### Flushing of Hazardous Pharmaceuticals is Prohibited by U.S. EPA

U.S. EPA's final rule for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals prohibits healthcare facilities and reverse distributors, as defined by U.S. EPA, from flushing, pouring, or draining hazardous pharmaceutical wastes down a toilet, sink, tub, or other drains as a disposal option. **This new rule will become effective in Ohio on August 21, 2019.**

Healthcare facilities and reverse distributors who handle hazardous pharmaceutical waste can learn about different disposal options by reading Ohio EPA's "[Flushing of Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals is Prohibited](#)" fact sheet or by attending a [free webinar on August 8th, 2019](#).

Additional information on the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals & Amendment to The Nicotine Listing (P075) Final Rule can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-management-standards-hazardous-waste-pharmaceuticals-and-amendment-p075>

For additional information on listed wastes, please see U.S. EPA's resources beginning on page 19: <https://www.hercenter.org/hazmat/tenstepblueprint.pdf>

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### Verification of License Prior to the Purchase of Dangerous Drugs

As a reminder, before a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may purchase dangerous drugs at wholesale, the terminal distributor is required by Ohio law to verify either of the following:

- The seller is licensed to engage in the sale of dangerous drugs in accordance with section [4729.52](#) of the Revised Code (i.e. the seller is licensed in Ohio as a manufacturer of dangerous drugs, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, repackager of dangerous drugs or wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs).
- The seller is licensed to engage in the occasional sale or distribution of dangerous drugs at wholesale in accordance with [OAC 4729:5-3-09](#).

Verification of licensure requirements for terminal distributors can be found in [OAC 4729:5-3-04](#).

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### Reminder: Responsible Person Requirements

As a reminder, all locations licensed as a terminal distributor or drug distributor must have a responsible person at all times. When there is a change of responsible person, the licensees must notify the Board within 10 days of the effective date of the appointment of the new responsible

person.

The requirements for a responsible person are provided in the following rules:

- [Terminal distributor of dangerous drugs \(OAC 4729:5-2-01\)](#)
- [Drug distributor of dangerous drugs \(OAC 4729:6-2-01\)](#)

The change in responsible person must be made in [eLicense](#). While it is the responsibility of the terminal distributor or drug distributor to notify the Board, the person who leaving their role as responsible person should verify that they are no longer listed on the license.

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### **Reminder: Pharmacist License Renewal**

Pharmacist license renewal began on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

More information about license renewal can be found [here](#).

**REMINDER:** Any license renewed after the expiration date of September 15, 2019 will be assessed a late fee.

All pharmacists are required to report continuing education. Please review the continuing education guidance document, [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CE](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/CE), for more information.

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### **2nd and 3rd Quarter Rule Updates**

The Board has posted an update on rules that are effective in the second and third quarter of 2019. The newly adopted rules can be found [here](#).

Additionally, licensees can sign up for rule and website updates from the Board [here](#).

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